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**HOUSE BILL 681**

Short Title: CCS/Teacher In-State Tuition Pilot. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Tyson and Shepard (Primary Sponsors).  
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Referred to: Education - K-12, if favorable, Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

April 27, 2021

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A TEACHER RECRUITMENT PILOT PROGRAM IN CRAVEN COUNTY SCHOOLS FOR OUT-OF-STATE TEACHERS HOLDING A RESIDENCY LICENSE TO BE CHARGED IN-STATE TUITION AT CERTAIN CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Program Established. – There is established the out-of-state residency license teacher recruitment pilot program (Program) to be implemented in Craven County Schools for the purpose of attracting high-quality teachers to a local school administrative unit serving military-connected students so that the unit can establish a reliable pipeline of effective educators. The Program shall operate for a term of five years, beginning with the 2021-2022 academic year and ending with the 2025-2026 academic year. Notwithstanding G.S. 116-143.1, the Program shall provide for a teacher employed by the Craven County Board of Education to be charged the in-State tuition rate for the courses the teacher completes towards an educator license if the teacher meets the following criteria:

- (1) Holds a residency license pursuant to G.S. 115C-270.20.
- (2) Does not qualify as a resident for tuition purposes under G.S. 116-143.1.
- (3) Is enrolled in an educator preparation program at one of the following constituent institutions of The University of North Carolina:
  - a. East Carolina University.
  - b. University of North Carolina at Wilmington.
  - c. Elizabeth City State University.
  - d. Fayetteville State University.

**SECTION 2.** Program Goals. – The goal of the Program shall be to (i) make completion of a teacher's education preparation program more affordable as an incentive to work in a highly transient, underserved area of the State while creating a connection for the teacher to the local community and (ii) determine the feasibility of expanding the Program to other local school administrative units that serve military-connected student populations or hard-to-staff areas. Teachers shall only be charged in-State tuition while employed with Craven County Schools pursuant to this act until otherwise eligible under G.S. 116-143.1 as a resident for tuition purposes during the Program.

**SECTION 3.** Limitations. – No student who does not qualify as a resident for tuition purposes under G.S. 116-143.1 and is eligible for in-State tuition due only to the Program set forth in this act shall displace a North Carolina resident eligible for in-State tuition who is seeking



1 to enroll in the educator preparation program offered by a constituent institution participating in  
2 the Program.

3 **SECTION 4.** Report. – Beginning September 15, 2022, and annually thereafter for  
4 the duration of the Program, Craven County Schools shall report the results of the Program to the  
5 Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee and the Fiscal Research Division of the  
6 General Assembly. This report shall include information about the number of nonresident  
7 students who enrolled in the educator preparation programs at participating constituent  
8 institutions, by institution, at the in-State tuition rate from the Program, any teachers that were  
9 unable to receive the in-State tuition rate due to potential displacement of students eligible for  
10 in-State tuition under G.S. 116-143.1, and the number of teachers who received the in-State  
11 tuition rate who remained employed in Craven County Schools after completing the educator  
12 preparation program.

13 **SECTION 5.** This act is effective when it becomes law.