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HOUSE BILL DRH40004-MKa-3

Short Title: Tri-County CC/Neighbor State In-State Tuition. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Corbin.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO CHARGE
3 IN-STATE TUITION TO RESIDENTS OF STATES BORDERING NORTH CAROLINA
4 WHO LIVE IN COUNTIES THAT ARE CONTIGUOUS TO CHEROKEE COUNTY,
5 CLAY COUNTY, AND GRAHAM COUNTY.
6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115D-39(a) reads as rewritten:
8 "(a) The State Board of Community Colleges shall fix and regulate all tuition and fees
9 charged to students for applying to or attending any institution pursuant to this Chapter.
10 The receipts from all student tuition and fees, other than student activity fees, shall be State
11 funds and shall be deposited as provided by regulations of the State Board of Community
12 Colleges.
13 The legal resident limitation with respect to tuition, set forth in G.S. 116-143.1 and
14 G.S. 116-143.3, shall apply to students attending institutions operating pursuant to this Chapter;
15 provided, however, that when an employer other than the Armed Forces, as that term is defined
16 in G.S. 116-143.3, pays tuition for an employee to attend an institution operating pursuant to this
17 Chapter and when the employee works at a North Carolina business location, the employer shall
18 be charged the in-State tuition rate; provided further, however, a community college may charge
19 in-State tuition to up to one percent (1%) of its out-of-state students, rounded up to the next whole
20 number, to accommodate the families transferred by business, the families transferred by
21 industry, or the civilian families transferred by the Armed Forces, consistent with the provisions
22 of G.S. 116-143.3, into the State.
23 In addition, a resident of a state bordering North Carolina who lives in a county that is
24 contiguous to Cherokee County, Clay County, or Graham County in North Carolina may be
25 charged the in-State tuition rate to attend Tri-County Community College. Tri-County
26 Community College shall ensure that no out-of-state student eligible for in-State tuition due to
27 residence in a contiguous county shall displace an in-State student seeking to enroll in a program
28 offered by the community college.
29 Notwithstanding ~~these requirements,~~ the requirements of this subsection, a refugee who
30 lawfully entered the United States and who is living in this State shall be deemed to qualify as a
31 domiciliary of this State under G.S. 116-143.1(a)(1) and as a State resident for community
32 college tuition purposes as defined in G.S. 116-143.1(a)(2). Also, a nonresident of the United
33 States who has resided in North Carolina for a 12-month qualifying period and has filed an
34 immigrant petition with the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service shall be
35 considered a State resident for community college tuition purposes."



1 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with
2 the 2019-2020 academic year.