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H 603. TUITION GRANTS/TEACHERS' CHILDREN. *TO PROVIDE REDUCED TUITION GRANTS FOR CHILDREN OF PUBLIC SCHOOLTEACHERS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES*. Enacts new GS 116-43.10 as title indicates. Children of certified full-time teachers who have taught for at least fifteen consecutive years in NC public schools are eligible for grant of one-half of tuition and fees for four consecutive academic years if student: (1) enrolls as a full-time student in the UNC System; and (2) signs a written agreement to pursue teaching degree and to teach in NC public school system upon graduation for a period of time determined by the State Education Assistance Authority. Amount of grants may be reduced pro rata in any year program funds are insufficient. Allows for one grant per teacher who has taught 15 consecutive years or more, increased to two if both parents meet criteria; two grants for teacher who has taught 20 consecutive years or more, increased to four if both parents meet criteria. Provides that grant must be reduced by scholarships or other grants received by student in an amount determined by Authority and requires that student repay grant, with interest, if student does not teach in NC public schools. Grants are available beginning with 2005-06 academic year.

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