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S 1007. FREE TUITION/SCHOOL TEACHERS' CHILDREN. *TO PROVIDE FULL TUITION FOR STUDENTS THAT ARE CHILDREN OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AND WHO ENROLL AT A CONSTITUENT INSTITUTION OR A COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND TO PROVIDE A PARTIAL TUITION GRANT FOR STUDENTS THAT ARE CHILDREN OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AND WHO ENROLL IN A PRIVATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THIS STATE*.
Enacts new GS 116-43.10 as title indicates. Provides that children 26 years old or younger of active or retired public school teachers who have taught at least 15 years in the NC public school system are eligible for grants for tuition costs for up to four consecutive academic years when enrolled in a UNC constituent institution or for up to two consecutive years at a State community college. Requires that grant program be administered by the State Education Assistance Authority, authorizes a pro rata reduction in the amount of grant in any year in which program funds are insufficient, and requires that grants be reduced by scholarships or other grants received by student. Also enacts new GS 116-143.11 to provide grants to teacher's children to attend private colleges and universities, applying the same criteria as public education tuition grants. Provides that amount of grant will be the average of the tuition for all UNC institutions. Effective beginning with the 2007-08 academic year.
Intro. by Hagan.
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