



1 (b) No surcharge shall be imposed on any student who exceeds the degree credit hour  
2 limits within the equivalent of four academic years of regular term enrollment or within five  
3 academic years of regular term enrollment in a degree program officially designated by the  
4 Board of Governors as a five-year program.

5 (c) Upon application by a student, the tuition surcharge shall be waived if the student  
6 demonstrates that any of the following have substantially disrupted or interrupted the student's  
7 pursuit of a degree: (i) a military service obligation, (ii) serious medical debilitation, (iii) a  
8 short-term or long-term disability, or (iv) other extraordinary hardship. The Board of Governors  
9 shall establish the appropriate procedures to implement the waiver provided by this subsection.

10 (d) Each constituent institution shall implement procedures to notify students and  
11 parents regarding the tuition surcharge and to provide appropriate advance notice to a student  
12 when the student is approaching the credit hour limit regarding the tuition surcharge. The  
13 procedures shall comply with the tuition surcharge notification principles established by the  
14 Board of Governors."

15 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 116-11 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

16 "(7a) The Board of Governors shall develop a uniform core set of notification  
17 principles regarding the tuition surcharge, including a process for each  
18 campus to notify students and parents at orientation and through each  
19 semester's tuition statements and a process to provide appropriate advance  
20 notification to a student when the student is approaching the credit hour limit  
21 regarding the tuition surcharge. The Board of Governors shall direct each  
22 constituent institution to implement these procedures."

23 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to the 2013 fall  
24 academic semester and each subsequent academic semester.