

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2015**

**SESSION LAW 2015-298
HOUSE BILL 709**

AN ACT TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD WHO ARE ENROLLED IN A PROGRAM GRANTING A GRADUATE CERTIFICATE TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD TUITION ASSISTANCE BENEFIT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 116-209.54(b) reads as rewritten:
"§ 116-209.54. **Eligibility.**

...
(b) This tuition assistance benefit shall be applicable to students in the following categories:

- (1) Students seeking to achieve completion of their secondary school education at a community college or technical institute.
- (2) Students seeking trade or vocational training or education.
- (3) Students seeking to achieve a two-year associate degree.
- (4) Students seeking to achieve a four-year baccalaureate degree.
- (5) Students seeking to achieve a graduate degree.
- (6) Students enrolled in a program granting a graduate certificate."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 21st day of September, 2015.

s/ Tom Apodaca
Presiding Officer of the Senate

s/ Paul Stam
Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

s/ Pat McCrory
Governor

Approved 11:30 a.m. this 30th day of October, 2015

