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SENATE BILL 298

Short Title: Private IHE/Campus Police/Need-Based Schol. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Perry and D. Davis (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

March 20, 2019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ADD A WAIVER OF TUITION AND REGISTRATION FEES FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE COURSES FOR THE TRAINING NEEDS OF CAMPUS POLICE AGENCIES OF PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO COVER THE COST OF THE WAIVER AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE EDUCATION ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY TO BE USED TO SUPPORT NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS ATTENDING PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1.(a) G.S. 115D-5(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) In order to make instruction as accessible as possible to all citizens, the teaching of curricular courses and of noncurricular extension courses at convenient locations away from institution campuses as well as on campuses is authorized and shall be encouraged. A pro rata portion of the established regular tuition rate charged a full-time student shall be charged a part-time student taking any curriculum course. In lieu of any tuition charge, the State Board of Community Colleges shall establish a uniform registration fee, or a schedule of uniform registration fees, to be charged students enrolling in extension courses for which instruction is financed primarily from State funds. The State Board of Community Colleges may provide by general and uniform regulations for waiver of tuition and registration fees for the following:

- (1) Persons not enrolled in elementary or secondary schools taking courses leading to a high school diploma or equivalent certificate.
- (2) Courses requested by the following entities that support the organizations' training needs and are on a specialized course list approved by the State Board of Community Colleges:
 - a. Volunteer fire departments.
 - b. Municipal, county, or State fire departments.
 - c. Volunteer EMS or rescue and lifesaving departments.
 - d. Municipal, county, or State EMS or rescue and lifesaving departments.
 - d1. Law enforcement, fire, EMS or rescue and lifesaving entities serving a lake authority that was created by a county board of commissioners prior to July 1, 2012.
 - e. Radio Emergency Associated Communications Teams (REACT) under contract to a county as an emergency response agency.
 - f. Municipal, county, or State law enforcement agencies.



- 1 f1. Campus police agencies of private institutions of higher education
2 certified by the Attorney General pursuant to Chapter 74G of the
3 General Statutes.
4 g. The Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice of the
5 Department of Public Safety for the training of full-time custodial
6 employees and employees of the Division required to be certified
7 under Article 1 of Chapter 17C of the General Statutes and the rules
8 of the Criminal Justice and Training Standards Commission.
9 h. Repealed by Session Laws 2017-186, s. 2(hhhhh), effective December
10 1, 2017.
11 i. The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians law enforcement, fire, EMS or
12 rescue and lifesaving tribal government departments or programs.
13 j. The Criminal Justice Standards Division of the Department of Justice
14 for the training of criminal justice professionals, as defined in
15 G.S. 17C-20(6), who are required to be certified under (i) Article 1 of
16 Chapter 17C of the General Statutes and the rules of the North
17 Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards
18 Commission or (ii) Chapter 17E of the General Statutes and the rules
19 of the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards
20 Commission. The waivers provided for in this sub-subdivision apply
21 to participants and recent graduates of the North Carolina Criminal
22 Justice Fellows Program to obtain certifications for eligible criminal
23 justice professions as defined in G.S. 17C-20(6).

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25 **SECTION 1.(b)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Community
26 Colleges System Office the sum of one hundred ten thousand dollars (\$110,000) in recurring
27 funds for the 2020-2021 fiscal year to support the waiver of tuition and fees for community
28 college courses for campus police agencies in accordance with G.S. 115D-5(b)(2)f1., as enacted
29 by this act.

30 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of Governors
31 of The University of North Carolina the sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for the
32 2019-2020 fiscal year and the sum of six million five hundred thousand dollars (\$6,500,000) for
33 the 2020-2021 fiscal year in additional funds to be allocated to the State Education Assistance
34 Authority to be used to support need-based scholarships for students attending private institutions
35 of higher education.

36 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2019. Subsection (a) of Section 1 of
37 this act applies beginning with the 2019-2020 academic year.