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HOUSE BILL 1816*

Short Title: Civ./Mil. Base In-State Tuition.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Nichols, Wainwright, Edwards; Esposito, Mosley, J. Preston, and Sexton.

Referred to: Education.

May 30, 1994

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO GRANT THE DEPENDENT RELATIVES OF CERTAIN CIVILIAN
2 EMPLOYEES OF THE MILITARY INVOLUNTARILY TRANSFERRED TO
3 THIS STATE IN-STATE TUITION AT CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF
4 THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AND AT CAMPUSES OF THE
5 NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM.
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7 Whereas, the approximately 1,200 civilian employees of the armed services
8 who were employed at the Naval Aviation Depot at Pensacola but who will be
9 transferred when that base closes to the Naval Aviation Base at Cherry Point or lose
10 their jobs; and

11 Whereas, these employees will be losing a great deal in the transfer as
12 Florida has no state income tax, and as North Carolina's tax structure is more
13 burdensome than that of Florida; and

14 Whereas, many of these employees will come to this State rather than lose
15 their jobs with children ready to attend higher education, for whom the year to establish
16 residency for tuition purposes would impose a real hardship, in addition to all the other
17 hardships inherent in a transfer that is really an involuntary one; and

18 Whereas, these employees will be bringing a great deal of positive value to
19 this State, their number being roughly equivalent to the number of employees generated
20 by Mercedes-Benz; and

21 Whereas, the State has not been asked to make any concessions or provide
22 any incentives for the Cherry Point expansion, and it is only equitable that the civilian
23 employees who will be coming to this State, and any others who may come in like

1 circumstances and who will make this expansion possible, be treated fairly by the State
2 by its providing an accommodation for the employees and their children in the State's
3 institutions of higher education; Now, therefore,
4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 Section 1. The catch-line of G.S. 116-143.3 reads as rewritten:

6 "**§ 116-143.3. Tuition of personnel in the armed ~~services.~~ services; tuition of**
7 **dependent relatives of certain civilian personnel serving the armed**
8 **services.**"

9 Sec. 2. G.S. 116-143.3 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

10 "(c1) Any dependent relative of any civilian employee employed by the
11 Department of Defense who transfers to a military base in this State rather than lose
12 employment due to the closing of military bases around the country shall be eligible to
13 be charged the in-State tuition rate, if the dependent relative qualifies for admission to
14 an institution of higher education as defined in G.S. 116-143.1(a)(3). The dependent
15 relative shall comply with the requirements of the Selective Service System, if
16 applicable, in order to be accorded this benefit. In the event the employee removes the
17 abode from North Carolina during an academic year, the dependent relative shall
18 continue to be eligible for the in-State tuition rate during the remainder of that academic
19 year."

20 Sec. 3. (a) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of
21 Governors of The University of North Carolina the sum of three hundred thousand
22 dollars (\$300,000) for the 1994-95 fiscal year to implement this act.

23 (b) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
24 Community Colleges the sum of seventy-three thousand dollars (\$73,000) for the 1994-
25 95 fiscal year to implement this act.

26 Sec. 4. This act becomes effective July 1, 1994, and applies to applications
27 for enrollment made on or after this date.