

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 296

Short Title: Military Death/In-State Tuition/Dependent. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Hunt; Allran, Apodaca, Atwater, Blake, Brock, Brown, Brunstetter, East, Forrester, Goodall, Jacumin, Pittenger, Preston, Rand, Stevens, and Tillman.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT A DEPENDENT RELATIVE OF A MEMBER OF
2 THE ARMED SERVICES CONTINUES TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR IN-STATE
3 TUITION IF THE ACTIVE DUTY MEMBER IS KILLED IN COMBAT OR DIES
4 DURING ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY WHILE ASSIGNED TO NORTH
5 CAROLINA.
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7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 116-143.3(c) reads as rewritten:

9 "(c) Any dependent relative of a member of the armed services who is abiding in
10 this State incident to active military duty, as defined by the Board of Governors of The
11 University of North Carolina and by the State Board of Community Colleges while
12 sharing the abode of that member shall be eligible to be charged the in-State tuition rate,
13 if the dependent relative qualifies for admission to an institution of higher education as
14 defined in G.S. 116-143.1(a)(3). The dependent relatives shall comply with the
15 requirements of the Selective Service System, if applicable, in order to be accorded this
16 benefit. In the event the member of the armed services is reassigned outside of North
17 Carolina or retires, the dependent relative shall continue to be eligible for the in-State
18 tuition rate and applicable mandatory fees so long as the dependent relative is
19 continuously enrolled in the degree or other program in which the dependent relative
20 was enrolled at the time the member is reassigned or retires. In the event the member of
21 the armed services receives an Honorable Discharge from military service, the
22 dependent relative shall continue to be eligible for the in-State tuition rate and
23 applicable mandatory fees so long as the dependent relative establishes residency within
24 North Carolina within 30 days after the discharge and is continuously enrolled in the
25 degree or other program in which the dependent relative was enrolled at the time the
26 member is discharged. In the event the member of the armed services is killed in
27 combat, non-combat deployment, or dies during active military duty, the dependent

1 relative shall continue to be eligible for the in-State tuition rate and applicable
2 mandatory fees provided that the member of the armed services was assigned to North
3 Carolina at the time of death."

4 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2007.