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HOUSE BILL 1457

Short Title: In-State Tuition/Soldier Return to NC. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Tarleton; Cotham, Dollar, Harrison, Neumann, and Rapp.

Referred to: Homeland Security, Military, and Veterans Affairs, if favorable, Education, if favorable, Appropriations.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT A NORTH CAROLINA RESIDENT, WHO ENLISTS IN THE MILITARY AND WHO, UPON RECEIVING AN HONORABLE DISCHARGE, RETURNS TO NORTH CAROLINA WITH THE INTENT OF REESTABLISHING STATE RESIDENCY IS ELIGIBLE FOR IN-STATE TUITION WITHOUT FIRST SATISFYING THE TWELVE-MONTH RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 116-143.1(h) reads as rewritten:

"(h) No person shall lose his or her resident status for tuition purposes solely by reason of serving in the armed forces outside this State. Any person who is a resident of North Carolina at the time he or she enlists in the armed forces and who returns to North Carolina within 30 days of being honorably discharged from the armed services for the purpose of reestablishing residency and maintaining a bona fide domicile in the State and who enrolls in a constituent institution not later than 90 days after being honorably discharged from the armed services is eligible for in-State tuition without first satisfying the 12-month durational requirement of this section. However, the eligibility for in-State tuition shall discontinue if the person fails to continuously maintain the reestablished North Carolina domicile for a 12-month period from the date of enrollment or if the person abandons legal residence in this State."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2009, and applies to the fall 2009-2010 academic semester and each subsequent academic semester.

