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HOUSE BILL DRH40143-MK-83   (02/16)

Short Title:	Limit Soldiers' Community College Tuition.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Representatives Hanes, Horn, Floyd, and Blackwell (Primary Sponsors).	
Referred to:		

1   A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2   AN ACT TO LIMIT COMMUNITY COLLEGE TUITION FOR REENROLLING ACTIVE
3   DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS SO THAT THE MAXIMUM RATE SHALL NOT EXCEED
4   AVAILABLE FEDERAL TUITION ASSISTANCE.
5   The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
6   **SECTION 1.** G.S. 116-143.3 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:
7   "(b3)   Notwithstanding G.S. 115D-5(b), if the amount of the out-of-state tuition rate for a
8   community college exceeds the amount of tuition assistance available from the federal
9   government, as set forth in the U.S. Department of Defense Directive, 1322.08E, promulgated
10   pursuant to 10 U.S.C. §§ 2005 and 2007, for active duty members of the Armed Forces, the
11   amount by which the out-of-state tuition rate exceeds the amount of the federal tuition assistance
12   available to the institution or active duty member of the Armed Forces shall be waived, provided
13   all of the following conditions are met:
14   (1)   The active duty member of the Armed Forces was enrolled in a degree or other
15   program at a North Carolina community college and charged the in-State tuition
16   rate at the time of deployment or reassignment.
17   (2)   The active duty member of the Armed Forces was not able to remain
18   continuously enrolled in the degree or other program at the North Carolina
19   community college due to deployment or reassignment.
20   (3)   The active duty member of the Armed Forces reenrolls in the degree or other
21   program at the North Carolina community college in which the member was
22   enrolled at the time the member was deployed or reassigned within 18 months
23   of deployment or reassignment.
24   (4)   The active duty member of the Armed Forces does not otherwise qualify for the
25   in-State tuition rate.
26   The amount of tuition charged to an active duty member of the Armed Forces eligible to
27   receive this waiver shall not be lower than the in-State tuition rate."
28   **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2017, and applies beginning with the
29   2017-2018 academic year.