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**H 1550. EDUC. ASSISTANCE FOR MINIMUM WAGE WORKERS.** Filed 4/17/07. *TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR MINIMUM WAGE WORKERS.*

Enacts new GS 115C-499.1A providing scholarships for state residents who have worked full time for at least 18 consecutive months in minimum wage jobs and are enrolled in a basic skills program at a community college or as an undergraduate student at an eligible postsecondary institution. Amends GS 115C-499.3 to designate scholarships for minimum wage workers as a priority for 20% of the net income available under GS 18C-164(c)(3). Requires that funds be committed to scholarships for minimum wage workers annually by September 1 and permits remaining funds to be used for other scholarships. Sets priority for scholarships for minimum wage workers if funds are not adequate to fully fund all scholarships. Establishes an \$11,000 per year maximum for scholarships for students enrolled in basic skills programs and a \$12,500 maximum for scholarships for Pell-Grant eligible students. Makes conforming amendments to GS 115C-499.2. Effective July 1, 2008.

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