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H 1140. EDUC. ASSISTANCE FOR MINIMUM WAGE WORKERS. Filed 4/6/09. *TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR MINIMUM WAGE WORKERS.*

To be summarized in tomorrow's *Daily Bulletin*.

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Enacts a new GS 115C-499.1A to provide that a student is eligible for a minimum wage worker scholarship if the student (1) worked full time for at least 18 consecutive months in a minimum wage or subminimum wage job, (2) is a state resident and qualifies as a resident for tuition purposes as defined by the Board of Governors, and (3) meets enrollment standards by either being admitted or enrolled in a basic skills program at a community college and maintaining satisfactory academic progress to enable the student to enter a degree, diploma, or certificate program at the end of the second academic year or being admitted, enrolled, and classified as an undergraduate student in a matriculated status at an eligible postsecondary institution and maintaining satisfactory academic progress to meet standards and practices used for federal Title IV programs by the eligible postsecondary institution. Prohibits a student from receiving a scholarship for (1) study in a basic skills program for more than two full academic years and (2) more than four full academic years, including the academic years spent in a basic skills program. Provides that applicants who have worked the greatest number of consecutive months at minimum wage or subminimum wage jobs receive special consideration in awarding the scholarships. Makes conforming changes to GS 115C-499.2.

Amends GS 115C-499.3 to establish that first priority for 5% of the net income available under GS 18C-164(c)(3) (State Lottery Fund) is to provide scholarships for minimum wage workers. Provides that if these funds are not adequate to fund all scholarships for the year then the amount will be increased to 10% of the net income. Allows funds not committed for these scholarships by September 1 of a year to be used for other scholarships. Limits minimum wage worker scholarship amounts, subject to the availability of net income, to (1) \$11,000 per academic year for a student admitted and enrolled in a basic skills program at an eligible postsecondary institution; (2) \$11,000 per academic year for a student not eligible for any federal Pell Grant and who is admitted, enrolled, and classified as matriculating at an eligible postsecondary institution; and (3) \$12,500 per academic year, including any federal Pell Grant, for a student eligible for a Pell Grant based upon enrollment status and expected family contribution to be used for the costs of attendance as defined for federal Title IV programs. Provides that if the available net income is not adequate to fully fund scholarships, then priority is given to scholarships for minimum wage workers.

Provides that the first scholarships will be awarded for the 2010-11 academic year.

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H 1140. EDUC. ASSISTANCE FOR MINIMUM WAGE WORKERS. Filed 4/6/09. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Clarifies reference to the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina in GS 115C-499.1A. Changes deadline for a report on scholarship administration by the State Education Assistance Authority under GS 115C-499.4 to June 1, 2011.

July 29, 2009

H 1140. EDUC. ASSISTANCE FOR MINIMUM WAGE WORKERS. Filed 4/6/09. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Amends proposed GS 115C-499.1A(a)(1) to provide that in order to be eligible to receive a scholarship for a minimum wage worker, the 18 consecutive months that the student must have worked must be during the 24 month period immediately preceding the student's application.

