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**S 1406. VETERAN & DEPENDENTS/IN-STATE TUITION.** Filed 5/25/10. *TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN VETERANS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS MAY QUALIFY FOR IN-STATE TUITION.*

Enacts new GS 116-143.3A to allow a veteran who qualifies for admission to an institution of higher education, but does not qualify as a resident of North Carolina for tuition purposes under GS 116-143.1, to be charged the in-state tuition rate and applicable mandatory fees, provided the veteran: (1) received an honorable discharge from the armed services and was assigned to North Carolina at the time of the discharge; (2) served active duty in North Carolina for at least one year; and (3) enrolls in the institution no later than five years from the date of discharge.

Discontinues a veteran's eligibility for in-state tuition under this section if the veteran fails to continuously maintain North Carolina as his or her domicile for a 12-month period after the enrollment date, or if the veteran abandons legal residence in the state. Allows a dependent relative of a veteran to qualify for in-state tuition if the relative: (1) is related to a veteran satisfying all criteria of the section; (2) is living in the state in the veteran's abode; (3) qualifies for admission to an institution of higher learning; (4) enrolls in the institution no later than five years after the veteran's discharge; and (5) complies with the requirements of the Selective Service System, if applicable. Places the burden of proving entitlement to the in-state tuition on the applicant.

Provides that a veteran charged less than the out-of-state tuition rate on account of this section will not supply the basis to achieve in-state tuition under GS 116-143.1. Effective July 1, 2010.

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