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**S 143. CONTINUE CHILD SUPP./21 YRS/COLLEGE STUDENTS.** Filed 2/11/09. *TO ALLOW CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS TO CONTINUE UNTIL THE AGE OF TWENTY-ONE IF THE CHILD IS ATTENDING A COMMUNITY COLLEGE OR COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY.*

Amends GS 50-13.4(c) to add an exception to the termination of child support payments at age 18 by requiring continuation of child support until the child reaches 21 if the child is attending a community college or college or university as a full-time student, unless the child ceases to attend school on a regular basis or fails to make satisfactory progress towards graduation. Allows the child support payments to be given to the child directly or paid directly towards college expenses after age 18. Provides that child support payments will terminate without order by the court if the child no longer attends college or university, subject to the right to show, upon

motion and with notice to the opposing party, that the child still qualifies. Applies to actions for child support on or after the date the act become law.

**Intro. by Snow.**

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