GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2011

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HOUSE BILL 344

Committee Substitute Favorable 6/3/11 PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE H344-PCS50373-MC-16

Short Title:	Tax Credits for Children with Disabilities.	(Public)
Sponsors:		
Referred to:		

March 15, 2011

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ALLOW AN INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES WHO REQUIRE SPECIAL EDUCATION AND TO CREATE A FUND FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION AND RELATED SERVICES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Part 2 of Article 4 of Chapter 105 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 105-151.33. Education expenses credit.

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- (a) Credit. A taxpayer is allowed a credit against the tax imposed by this Part for each of the taxpayer's eligible dependent children who is a resident of this State and who for one or two semesters during the taxable year is enrolled in grades kindergarten through 12 in a nonpublic school or in a public school at which tuition is charged in accordance with G.S. 115C-366.1. As used in this section, the term 'eligible dependent child' means a child who meets all of the following criteria:
 - (1) Is a child with a disability as defined by G.S. 115C-106.3(1).
 - (2) Was determined to require an individualized education program as defined by G.S. 115C-106.3(8).
 - (3) Receives special education or related services on a daily basis.
 - (4) <u>Is a child for whom the taxpayer is entitled to deduct a personal exemption</u> under section 151(c) of the Code for the taxable year.

For the initial eligibility for the tax credit, for at least the preceding two semesters, the eligible dependent child shall have been either (i) enrolled in a public school or (ii) receiving special education or related services through the public schools as a preschool child with a disability as defined by G.S. 115C-106.3(17). An eligible dependent child shall be reevaluated every three years by the local educational agency in order to verify that the child continues to be a child with a disability as defined by G.S. 115C-106.3(1).

(b) Amount. – The credit is equal to the amount the taxpayer paid for tuition and special education and related services expenses, not to exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000) per semester. For home schools, as defined in G.S. 115C-563(a), the credit is equal to the amount the taxpayer paid for special education and related services expenses, not to exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000) per semester.



- (c) Semesters. For the purposes of this section, there are two semesters during each taxable year. The spring semester is the first six months of the taxable year, and the fall semester is the second six months of the taxable year. An eligible dependent child is enrolled in a school for a semester if the eligible dependent child is enrolled in that school for more than 70 days during that semester.
- (d) <u>Disqualification. A taxpayer may not qualify for a credit for any semester during</u> which the taxpayer's eligible dependent child for whom the credit would otherwise be claimed met any of the following conditions:
 - (1) Was placed in a nonpublic school or facility by a public agency at public expense.
 - (2) Spent any time enrolled as a full-time student taking at least 12 hours of academic credit in a postsecondary educational institution.
 - (3) Was 19 years or older during the entire semester.
 - (4) Graduated from high school prior to the end of the semester.
- (e) Reduction of Credit. The amount of the credit is reduced for any semester in which the eligible dependent child spent any time enrolled in a public school. The amount of the reduction is a percentage equal to the percentage of the semester that the eligible dependent child spent enrolled in a public school.
- (f) <u>Information. In order to claim the credit allowed by this section, the taxpayer shall provide, when requested, the following to the Secretary:</u>
 - (1) The name, address, and social security number of each eligible dependent child for whom the credit is claimed and the name and address of the school or schools in which the eligible dependent child was enrolled for more than 70 days each semester.
 - (2) The taxpayer's certification that the eligible dependent child did not meet any of the disqualifying conditions set out in this section.
 - (3) The name of the local school administrative unit in which the eligible dependent child resides.
 - (4) The amount of tuition paid to a public school at which tuition is charged in accordance with G.S. 115C-366.1 for each semester the eligible dependent child for whom the credit is claimed was enrolled in the school.
 - (5) The eligibility determination that the eligible dependent child is a child with a disability who requires special education and related services.
 - (6) A listing of the tuition and special education and related services expenses on which the amount of the credit is based.
 - (7) For home schools as defined in G.S. 115C-563(a), a listing of the special education and related services expenses on which the amount of the credit is based.
- (g) Credit Refundable. If the credit allowed by this section exceeds the amount of tax imposed by this Part for the taxable year reduced by the sum of all credits allowable, the Secretary must refund the excess to the taxpayer. The refundable excess is governed by the provisions governing a refund of an overpayment by the taxpayer of the tax imposed in this Part. In computing the amount of tax against which multiple credits are allowed, nonrefundable credits are subtracted before refundable credits.
- (h) Transfer. At the end of each fiscal year, the Secretary shall transfer to the Fund for Special Education and Related Services established under G.S. 115C-472.15 from the net individual income tax collections under G.S. 105-134.2 an amount equal to two thousand dollars (\$2,000) multiplied by the number of credits taken under this section during the fiscal year.
 - (i) <u>Definitions. The following definitions apply in this section:</u>

- 1 (1) "Special education" means specially designed instruction to meet the unique needs of a child with a disability. The term includes instruction in physical education and instruction conducted in a classroom, the home, a hospital, or institution, and other settings.

 5 (2) "Related services" is as defined in The Individuals with Disabilities
 - (2) "Related services" is as defined in The Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1400, et seq., (2004), as amended, and federal regulations adopted under this act."

SECTION 2. G.S. 105-151.33(a), as enacted by Section 1 of this act, reads as rewritten:

- "(a) Credit. A taxpayer is allowed a credit against the tax imposed by this Part for each of the taxpayer's eligible dependent children who is a resident of this State and who for one or two semesters during the taxable year, is enrolled in grades kindergarten through 12 in a nonpublic school or in a public school at which tuition is charged in accordance with G.S. 115C-366.1. As used in this section, the term 'eligible dependent child' means a child who meets all of the following criteria:
 - (1) Is a child with a disability as defined by G.S. 115C-106.3(1).
 - (2) Was determined to require an individualized education program as defined by G.S. 115C-106.3(8).
 - (3) Receives special education or related services on a daily basis.
 - (4) Is a child for whom the taxpayer is entitled to deduct a personal exemption under section 151(c) of the Code for the taxable year.

For the initial eligibility for the tax credit, for at least the preceding two semesters, semester, the eligible dependent child shall have been either: (i) enrolled in a public school, or (ii) receiving special education or related services through the public schools as a preschool child with a disability as defined by G.S. 115C-106.3(17). An eligible dependent child shall be reevaluated every three years by the local educational agency in order to verify that the child continues to be a child with a disability as defined by G.S. 115C-106.3(1)."

SECTION 3. Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new Article to read:

"Article 32D.

"Fund for Special Education and Related Services.

"§ 115C-472.15. Fund for Special Education and Related Services.

- (a) The Fund for Special Education and Related Services is established as a special revenue fund under the control and direction of the State Board of Education. Interest and other investment income earned by the Fund accrue to it, and revenue in the Fund does not revert. The Fund consists of money credited to it under G.S. 105-151.33.
- (b) The State Board of Education shall use the revenue in the Fund only for special educational and related services for children with disabilities. In addition, the State Board of Education shall use revenues in the Fund to reimburse local educational agencies for conducting reevaluations for continued eligibility and developing revised individualized education programs pursuant to G.S. 105-151.33(a)(1)."

SECTION 4. The Department of Revenue shall report to the Revenue Laws Study Committee and the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee on the administration of G.S. 105-151.33, as enacted by Section 1 of this act. The report is due by October 1, 2013, and shall include the following:

- (1) The number and amount of credits taken under G.S. 105-151.33.
- (2) Any concerns relating to the administration of G.S. 105-151.33 or taxpayer compliance with the requirements of that section.
- (3) Any other matter with respect to G.S. 105-151.33 the Department wishes to address.

SECTION 4A. If House Bill 200, 2011 Regular Session, becomes law, then Section 2.1 of that act reads as rewritten:

"SECTION 2.1. Appropriations from the General Fund of the State for the maintenance of the State departments, institutions, and agencies, and for other purposes as enumerated, are made for the fiscal biennium ending June 30, 2013, according to the following schedule:

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7	Current Operations – General Fund		2011-2012		2012-2013
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9	EDUCATION				
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11	Community Colleges System Office	\$	985,000,000	\$	985,000,000
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13	Department of Public Instruction		7,464,492,057		7,450,000,000
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16	University of North Carolina – Board of Governors		145 562 210		145 (00 (7)
17	Appalachian State University		145,563,319		145,680,676
18	East Carolina University		247 207 007		047 207 007
19	Academic Affairs		247,397,807		247,397,807
20	Health Affairs		65,196,439		65,196,439
21	Elizabeth City State University		38,226,042		38,398,361
22	Fayetteville State University		56,925,951		56,925,951
23	NC A&T State University		105,355,805		105,794,754
24	NC Central University		94,342,683		94,342,683
25	NC State University		101.760.011		101 (77 100
26	Academic Affairs		434,563,241		434,677,423
27	Agricultural Research		59,239,461		59,239,461
28	Agricultural Extension		43,539,609		43,539,609
29	UNC-Asheville		42,004,444		42,004,444
30	UNC-Chapel Hill		200 404 504		010 010 100
31	Academic Affairs		309,481,584		312,843,120
32	Health Affairs		219,507,009		222,570,732
33	AHEC		49,747,851		49,747,851
34	UNC-Charlotte		216,455,073		217,471,216
35	UNC-Greensboro		173,180,926		173,180,926
36	UNC-Pembroke		61,534,005		62,277,254
37	UNC-School of the Arts		27,796,473		27,796,473
38	UNC-Wilmington		105,943,181		107,138,757
39	Western Carolina University		90,591,556		91,070,460
40	Winston-Salem State University		76,496,951		76,496,950
41	General Administration		38,186,863		27,628,722
42	University Institution Programs		(375,153,400)		(383,808,914)
43	Related Educational Programs		85,679,060		115,272,420
44	UNC Financial Aid Private Colleges		91,635,664		86,534,065
45	NC School of Science & Math		18,937,535		18,937,535
46	UNC Hospitals		18,000,000		18,000,000
47	Total University of North Carolina –	A	0.540.055.105	ф	0.551 (50 100
48	Board of Governors	\$	2,540,375,132	\$	2,551,672,698

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Department of Health and Human Services				
Division of Central Management and Support	\$	50,177,377	\$	44,577,987
Division of Aging and Adult Services		37,019,667		37,019,667
Division of Services for Blind/Deaf/Hard of Hearing	5	8,389,110		8,372,886
Division of Child Development		266,102,933		266,102,933
Division of Health Service Regulation		16,133,031		16,133,031
Division of Medical Assistance		2,958,388,184		2,907,276,302
Division of Mental Health,				
Developmental Disabilities, and				
Substance Abuse Services		665,712,232		710,712,232
NC Health Choice		79,452,317		83,717,865
Division of Public Health		190,443,245		157,538,834
Division of Social Services		186,183,068		186,183,068
Division of Vocational Rehabilitation		37,125,788		37,528,128
Total Health and Human Services	\$	4,495,126,952	\$	4,455,162,933
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NATURAL AND ECONOMIC RESOURCES				
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	\$	65,460,864	\$	62,198,634
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Department of Commerce				
Commerce		50,852,340		33,250,463
Commerce State-Aid		32,851,025		30,151,984
NC Biotechnology Center		17,551,710		17,551,710
Rural Economic Development Center		25,376,729		25,376,729
rear Beonomie Beveropment Center		23,370,727		23,370,727
Department of Environment and Natural Resources		165,784,887		148,148,105
Department of Environment and Parameters		100,701,007		110,110,100
DENR Clean Water Management Trust Fund		11,250,000		11,250,000
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Department of Labor		15,836,887		15,836,887
Department of Labor		13,030,007		13,030,007
Wildlife Resources Commission		18,000,000		17,221,179
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JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY				
Department of Correction	\$	1,337,816,346	\$	1,348,410,793
Department of Correction	Ψ	1,557,010,510	Ψ	1,5 10, 110,755
Department of Crime Control and Public Safety		225,258,795		215,164,518
Department of elime control and I done surety		223,230,773		213,101,310
Judicial Department		438,920,048		435,141,107
Judicial Department – Indigent Defense		110,091,526		112,748,733
Judiciai Department Indigent Defense		110,071,320		112,740,733
Department of Justice		80,704,013		80,864,138
Department of Justice		00,704,013		00,004,130
Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Preven	tior	135,593,692		131,140,565
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GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
OBTENDE OF TENTIMENT				
Department of Administration	\$	63,607,330	\$	65,511,460

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Department of State Auditor		11,857,574		10,676,035
Office of State Controller		28,368,957		28,368,957
Department of Cultural Resources	S			
Cultural Resources		63,524,857		61,697,001
Roanoke Island Commission		1,805,236		1,203,491
State Board of Elections		5,186,603		5,126,603
General Assembly		53,259,495		50,104,208
Office of the Governor				
Office of the Governor		4,741,157		4,741,157
Office of State Budget and Ma	anagement	5,848,663		5,848,663
OSBM – Reserve for Special	Appropriations	1,940,612		440,612
Housing Finance Agency		9,673,051		9,673,051
Department of Insurance				
Insurance		36,393,921		36,393,921
Insurance – Volunteer Safety	Workers' Compensation	2,294,000		2,623,654
Office of Lieutenant Governor		695,324		695,324
Office of Administrative Hearings	3	4,983,871		4,983,871
Department of Revenue		78,199,538		78,199,538
Department of Secretary of State		10,654,563		10,654,563
Department of State Treasurer				
State Treasurer		6,657,031		6,621,750
State Treasurer –		3,327,321		3,021,703
Retirement for Fire and Re	escue Squad Workers	17,812,114		17,812,114
RESERVES, ADJUSTMENTS,	AND DEBT SERVICE			
Contingency and Emergency Fundamental	\mathbf{d}	\$ 5,000,000	\$	5,000,000
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State Retirement System Contribu	ltion	248,100,000		336,000,000
Judicial Retirement System Contr	ibution	6,800,000		7,800,000
Firemen's & Rescue Squad Work	ers' Pension Fund	4,318,042		5,366,928
State Health Plan		7,119,541		102,151,104
Information Technology Fund		4,458,142		6,158,142
Reserve for Job Development Inv	estment Grants (JDIG)	15,400,000		27,400,000

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1	Continuation Review Reserve		0		35,576,758
2 3 4	Comprehensive Review of Compensation Plans		2,000,000		0
5 6	Compensation Adjustment and Performance Pay Reserv	⁄e	0		121,105,840
7 8	Severance Expenditure Reserve		69,000,000		0
9 10	Automated Fraud Detection Development		1,000,000		7,000,000
11 12	Controller – Fraud Detection Development		500,000		500,000
13	Debt Service				
14	General Debt Service		688,957,188		759,984,974
15 16	Federal Reimbursement		1,616,380		1,616,380
17	TOTAL CURRENT OPERATIONS –				
18	GENERAL FUND	\$ 1	19,678,116,193	\$ 1	9,943,327,275
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21	SECTION 5.(a) If House Bill 200, 2011	1 R	egular Session,	beco	mes law, then
22	Section 2.2(a) of that act reads as rewritten:		,		,
23	"SECTION 2.2(a) The General Fund availabili	tv ı	used in develop	ing 1	the 2011-2013
24	biennial budget is shown below.		r	8	
25	Communication and Communication with		FY 2011-2012		FY 2012-2013
26	Unappropriated Balance Remaining	\$	0	\$	13,980,015
27	Ending Unreserved Fund Balance for FY 2009-2010	Ψ	236,902,394	Ψ.	0
28	Anticipated Reversions for FY 2010-2011		537,740,799		0
29	Anticipated Over-collections from FY 2010-2011		180,800,000		0
30	Repayment of Medicaid Receipts in FY 2010-2011		(125,000,000)		0
31	2010 2 011		(120,000,000)		· ·
32	Statutory Earmarks:				
33	Savings Reserve Account		(185,000,000)	(172.	700,000) 0
34	Repairs and Renovations Reserve Account		(125,000,000)	(1, 2,	0
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36	Beginning Unreserved Fund Balance \$ 520,4	43.1	93532,743,193	\$	13,980,015
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38	Revenues Based on Existing Tax Structure	\$ 1	18,129,800,000	\$ 1	9,181,900,000
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40	Nontax Revenues				
41	Investment Income	\$	59,400,000	\$	76,700,000
42	Judicial Fees	4	217,800,000	Ψ.	217,800,000
43	Disproportionate Share		100,000,000		100,000,000
44	Insurance		71,400,000		73,500,000
45	Other Nontax Revenues		182,500,000		182,500,000
46	Highway Trust Fund/Use Tax Reimbursement Trans	sfer	41,500,000		27,600,000
47	Highway Fund Transfer	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	20,230,000		24,080,000
48	Subtotal Nontax Revenues	\$	692,830,000	\$	702,180,000
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50 51	Total General Fund Availability	\$ 1	19,343,073,193		9,898,060,015 9,355,373,193

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1 2	Adjustments to Availability: 2011 Session				
3	Loss of Estate Tax \$:	(57,100,000)	\$	(72,200,000)
4	Small Business Tax Relief Package		(131,600,000)		(335,600,000)
5	Repeal Wildlife Resources Commission Sales Tax		(121,000,000)		(222,000,000)
6	Earmark		22,970,000		23,920,000
7	Suspend Corporate Income Tax Earmark (Public School	വ	22,770,000		25,720,000
8	Construction)	01	72,110,000		74,750,000
9	Increase in Judicial Fees		61,765,715		61,765,715
10	Increase Investment Company Notice Filing Fee		1,600,000		1,600,000
11	Increase Parking Fees for Visitors		550,000		550,000
12	Loss of Revenue from the Town of Butner		(1,213,235)		(1,213,235)
13	Transfer from E-Commerce Reserve Fund		4,483,526		0
14	Divert Funds from Parks & Recreation Trust Fund		8,435,000		0
15	Divert Funds from Recreational/Natural Heritage		3,122,000		· ·
16	Trust Fund		8,000,000		0
17	Transfer from Highway Fund for State Highway		2,000,000		· ·
18	Patrol		196,849,542		188,209,049
19	Transfer Additional Funds from Highway Trust Fund		35,223,642		0
20	Transfer from Mercury Prevention Pollution Fund		250,000		0
21	Transfer from Commerce – Enterprise Fund		500,000		0
22	Divert Funds from Scrap Tire Disposal Account		2,268,989		0
23	Divert Funds from White Goods Management Account	t	1,951,465		0
24	Diversion of Golden LEAF Funds		17,563,760		17,563,760
25	Master Settlement Agreement Funds		24,668,720		25,580,772
26	Transfer Health and Wellness Trust Funds to Public He	eal	, ,		0
27	Department of Revenue – Accounts Receivable Progra		25,000,000		25,000,000
28	Medicaid Disproportionate Share Receipts		15,000,000		15,000,000
29	Adjust Transfer from Insurance Regulatory Fund		(742,348)		(742,348)
30	Adjust Transfer from Treasurer's Office		(3,881,172)		(3,916,453)
31	Transfer from NC Flex FICA Funds		1,000,000		0
32	Proceeds from the Sale of State Assets		15,000,000		25,000,000
33	Children with Disabilities Tax Credit		(12,300,000)		(24,936,000)
34	Subtotal Adjustments to Availability:				
35	2011 Session \$ 353,558,	,01	5 341,258,015		\$4 5,267,260
36					20,331,260
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38	Revised General Fund Availability \$	19	9,696,631,208	\$_	19,943,327,275
39				\$	19,918,391,275
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41	Less General Fund Appropriations \$	(19	0,682,651,193)	\$ (1	19,943,327,275)
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44	Unappropriated Balance Remaining	\$	13,980,015		\$ 0"
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SECTION 5.(b) If House Bill 200, 2011 Regular Session, becomes law, then Section 2.2(m) of that act reads as rewritten:

"SECTION 2.2.(m) Notwithstanding G.S. 143C-4-2, the State Controller shall transfer only one hundred eighty five million dollars (\$185,000,000) seventy-two million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$172,700,000) from the unreserved fund balance to the Savings Reserve Account on June 30, 2011. This is not an 'appropriation made by law,' as that phrase is

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used in Section 7(1) of Article V of the North Carolina Constitution. This subsection becomes effective June 30, 2011."

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SECTION 5A. If House Bill 200, 2011 Regular Session, becomes law, then that act is amended by adding the following new section to read:

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"ADM ADJUSTMENT

SECTION 7.31. Notwithstanding any other provision of this act, the funds appropriated for the average daily membership (ADM) adjustment for public schools shall be adjusted to provide fifty-five million eight hundred eighty-two thousand six hundred fifty-one dollars (\$55,882,651) in the 2011-2012 fiscal year and one hundred eighteen million one hundred fifty-one thousand four hundred fourteen dollars (\$118,151,414) in the 2012-2013 fiscal year. The funds appropriated for the ADM adjustment shall be distributed to modify allotments to charter schools and local school administrative units, reflecting changes in ADM due to population growth and other changes in State law."

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SECTION 6. Sections 1, 3, 4, and 4A of this act are effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2011, and apply to semesters for which the credit is claimed beginning on or after July 1, 2011, except that transfers under G.S. 105-151.33(h) shall not be made before the 2012-2013 fiscal year. Section 2 of this act is effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2016, and applies to semesters for which the credit is claimed beginning on or after July 1, 2016. The remainder of this act is effective when it becomes law.