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HOUSE BILL DRH30315-MK-91

Short Title: CC Fire Training/15 Yrs Old. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Moffitt.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT QUALIFIED YOUTH FIFTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND  
3 OLDER MAY ENROLL IN COURSES IN FIRE TRAINING AT COMMUNITY  
4 COLLEGES.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115D-20(4) is amended by adding a new sub-subdivision to read:

7 "e. Notwithstanding any other provision of this subdivision, qualified  
8 youth 15 years and older may be permitted to enroll in courses,  
9 including certification-eligible courses, in fire training pursuant to  
10 G.S. 95-25.5(n) and on a specialized course list approved by the State  
11 Board of Community Colleges in accordance with  
12 G.S. 115D-5(b)(2)."

13 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 95-25.5(n) reads as rewritten:

14 "(n) Nothing in this section prohibits qualified youths under 18 years of age from  
15 participating in training through their fire department, the Office of State Fire Marshal, or the  
16 North Carolina Community College System. As used in this subsection, the term "qualified youth  
17 under 18 years of age" means an uncompensated fire department or rescue squad member who  
18 is at least the age of 15 and under the age of 18 and who is a member of a bona fide fire  
19 department, as that term is defined in ~~G.S. 58-86-25~~, G.S. 58-86-2(4), or of a rescue squad  
20 described in ~~G.S. 58-86-30~~. G.S. 58-86-2(6). A qualified youth under 18 years of age under this  
21 subsection may be permitted to enroll in courses, including certification-eligible courses, in fire  
22 training at a community college on a specialized course list approved by the State Board of  
23 Community Colleges pursuant to G.S. 115D-20(4)e."

24 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to any courses,  
25 including certification-eligible courses, a qualified youth enrolls in on or after January 1, 2021.

