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H **HOUSE BILL DRH40451-MKa-97A**

Short Title:

In-State Tuition Equity. Representative Hurtado. Sponsors: Referred to: A BILL TO BE ENTITLED 1 2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN IMMIGRANT YOUTH TO RECEIVE IN-STATE 3 TUITION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AND COMMUNITY 4 COLLEGES IN THIS STATE. 5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts: 6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 116-143.1 is amended by adding the following new subsections 7 to read: 8 "(n) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a person who meets all of the 9 following qualifications shall be accorded resident tuition status: 10 The person received a high school diploma from a secondary school or high (1) 11 school within North Carolina or received a high school equivalency diploma 12 within North Carolina. The person attended North Carolina schools for a minimum of two 13 **(2)** consecutive years immediately prior to high school graduation. 14 15 If the person does not have lawful immigration status, then the person shall (3) 16 also file an affidavit with the constituent institution or community college to 17 which the person is enrolled stating that the person has filed an application to legalize his or her immigration status or will file an application as soon as he 18 19 or she is eligible to do so. The person satisfies the admission standards for the constituent institution or 20 <u>(4)</u> 21 community college to which the person applied and has secured admission 22 and enrolled as a student at the constituent institution or community college. 23 Any information obtained as part of the process of applying for in-State tuition 24 pursuant to subsection (n) of this section shall be confidential and is not a public record." 25 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2021, and applies beginning with the 2021-2022 academic year. 26

