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HOUSE BILL DRH10181-LM-92

Short Title: Beyond The Choice Act. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Charles Smith.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT PROVIDING THAT VETERANS, THEIR DEPENDENTS, AND OTHER  
3 COVERED INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE VETERANS ACCESS, CHOICE, AND  
4 ACCOUNTABILITY ACT WHO QUALIFY FOR ADMISSION TO AN INSTITUTION  
5 OF HIGHER EDUCATION ARE ELIGIBLE TO BE CHARGED IN-STATE TUITION  
6 WITHOUT REGARD TO THE NUMBER OF YEARS THAT HAVE ELAPSED SINCE  
7 THEIR DISCHARGE FROM A PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE OF NINETY  
8 DAYS OR MORE.

9 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

10 SECTION 1. G.S. 116-143.3A reads as rewritten:

11 "§ 116-143.3A. Waiver of 12-month residency requirement for certain veterans and other  
12 individuals.

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14 (b) Waiver of 12-Month Residency Requirement for Certain Individuals. – Any veteran,  
15 dependent of a veteran, or other "covered" individual under 38 U.S.C. § 3679 ("The Choice Act")  
16 who qualifies for admission to an institution of higher education as defined in  
17 G.S. 116-143.1(a)(3) is eligible to be charged the in-State tuition rate and applicable mandatory  
18 fees for enrollment, to the extent required by 38 U.S.C. § 3679, enrollment without satisfying the  
19 12-month residency requirement under G.S. 116-143.1, provided the individual meets all of the  
20 following criteria:

21 ...."

22 SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with  
23 the 2025-2026 academic year.

