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SENATE BILL DRS45331-MTa-88

Short Title: In-State Tuition Equity. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Mohammed, Meyer, and Murdock (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN PERSONS, INCLUDING CERTAIN PERSONS WHO  
3 DO NOT HAVE LAWFUL IMMIGRATION STATUS, TO RECEIVE IN-STATE  
4 TUITION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUENT  
5 INSTITUTIONS AND NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGES.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 116-143.1 is amended by adding the following new subsections  
8 to read:

9 "(n) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a person who meets all of the  
10 following qualifications shall be eligible to be charged the in-State tuition rate:

11 (1) The person graduated and received a high school diploma from a school  
12 within North Carolina or received a high school equivalency diploma within  
13 North Carolina.

14 (2) The person attended North Carolina schools for a minimum of two  
15 consecutive years immediately prior to completing high school.

16 (3) If the person does not have lawful immigration status, the person submits an  
17 affidavit to the State Education Assistance Authority through the coordinated  
18 and centralized residency determination process within 60 days of enrollment  
19 asserting that, to the extent permitted under federal law, he or she has filed an  
20 application to legalize his or her status or he or she intends to file an  
21 application to legalize his or her status upon becoming eligible to do so.

22 (4) The person enrolled in a constituent institution or community college.

23 (o) 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, 2025, and applies beginning with  
26 the 2025-2026 academic year.



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