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SENATE DRS75106-LB-128 (3/12)

Short Title: Tuition Waiver Technical Correction.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Hartsell.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS IN A 1997 LAW CONCERNING
TUITION WAIVERS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES
COMMISSION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. It is the intent of this act to codify the provisions of Section 6 of S.L. 1997-505, which stated that law became effective October 1, 1997, and applies to deaths or disabilities occurring on or after that date.

SECTION 2. G.S. 115B-2 reads as rewritten:

"§ 115B-2. Tuition waiver authorized.

State-supported institutions of higher education, community colleges, industrial education centers and technical institutes, shall permit the following persons to attend classes for credit or noncredit purposes without the required payment of tuition; provided, however, that such persons meet admission and other standards deemed appropriate by the educational institution, and provided further that such persons shall be accepted by the constituent institutions of the University of North Carolina only on a spaces-available basis:

- (1) Legal residents of North Carolina who have attained the age of 65.
- (2) Any person who is the survivor of a law enforcement officer, firefighter, volunteer firefighter, or rescue squad worker killed on or after October 1, 1997, as a direct result of a traumatic injury sustained in the line of duty.
- (3) The spouse of a law enforcement officer, firefighter, volunteer firefighter, or rescue squad worker who ~~is~~ becomes permanently and totally disabled on or after October 1, 1997, as a direct result of a traumatic injury sustained in the line of duty.

1 (4) Any child, if the child is at least 17 years old but not yet 23 years old,
2 whose parent is a law enforcement officer, firefighter, volunteer
3 firefighter, or rescue squad worker who is-becomes permanently and
4 totally disabled on or after October 1, 1997, as a direct result of a
5 traumatic injury sustained in the line of duty. However, a child's
6 eligibility for a waiver of tuition under this Chapter shall not exceed:
7 (i) 48 months, if the child is seeking a baccalaureate degree, or (ii) if
8 the child is not seeking a baccalaureate degree, the number of months
9 required to complete the educational program to which the child is
10 applying."

11 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.