

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 566

Short Title: Facilitate Comm. Coll. Learn & Earn Prog. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Lucas; Berger of Franklin, Dannelly, Dorsett, Holloman, and
Malone.

Referred to: Education/Higher Education.

March 16, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW TO FACILITATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
2 THE LEARN AND EARN PROGRAM.
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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115D-5(b) reads as rewritten:

6 "(b) In order to make instruction as accessible as possible to all citizens, the
7 teaching of curricular courses and of noncurricular extension courses at convenient
8 locations away from institution campuses as well as on campuses is authorized and shall
9 be encouraged. A pro rata portion of the established regular tuition rate charged a
10 full-time student shall be charged a part-time student taking any curriculum course. In
11 lieu of any tuition charge, the State Board of Community Colleges shall establish a
12 uniform registration fee, or a schedule of uniform registration fees, to be charged
13 students enrolling in extension courses for which instruction is financed primarily from
14 State funds; provided, however, that the State Board of Community Colleges may
15 provide by general and uniform regulations for waiver of tuition and registration fees
16 for persons not enrolled in elementary or secondary schools taking courses leading to a
17 high school diploma or equivalent certificate, for training courses for volunteer firemen,
18 local fire department personnel, volunteer rescue and lifesaving department personnel,
19 local rescue and lifesaving department personnel, Radio Emergency Associated Citizens
20 Team (REACT) members when the REACT team is under contract to a county as an
21 emergency response agency, local law-enforcement officers, patients in State alcoholic
22 rehabilitation centers, all full-time custodial employees of the Department of Correction,
23 employees of the Department's Division of Community Corrections and employees of
24 the Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention required to be certified
25 under Chapter 17C of the General Statutes and the rules of the Criminal Justice and
26 Training Standards Commission, trainees enrolled in courses conducted under the New
27 and Expanding Industry Program, clients of sheltered workshops, clients of adult
28 developmental activity programs, students in Health and Human Services Development

1 Programs, juveniles of any age committed to the Department of Juvenile Justice and
2 Delinquency Prevention by a court of competent jurisdiction, prison inmates, and
3 members of the North Carolina State Defense Militia as defined in G.S. 127A-5 and as
4 administered under Article 5 of Chapter 127A of the General Statutes. Provided further,
5 tuition shall be waived for senior citizens attending institutions operating under this
6 Chapter as set forth in Chapter 115B of the General Statutes, Tuition Waiver for Senior
7 Citizens. Provided further, tuition shall also be waived for all courses taken by high
8 school students at community ~~colleges~~ colleges, including students in early college and
9 middle college high school programs, in accordance with G.S. 115D-20(4) and this
10 section."

11 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2005.