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**HOUSE BILL 1329**

Short Title: Leg. Tuition Grant for Part-Time Students. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Yongue, McLawhorn, Glazier (Primary Sponsors);  
Faison, Parmon, Pate, Wainwright, and Womble.

Referred to: Appropriations.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT LEGISLATIVE TUITION GRANTS SHALL BE AWARDED ON A PRO RATA BASIS TO PART-TIME STUDENTS ATTENDING PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, TO CLARIFY THAT A LICENSURE COURSE TAKEN BY A LATERAL ENTRY STUDENT THAT IS DESIGNATED AS BOTH AN UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE COURSE IS AN UNDERGRADUATE COURSE FOR PURPOSES OF AWARDING THE LEGISLATIVE TUITION GRANT, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE LEGISLATIVE TUITION GRANT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 116-21.2 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 116-21.2. Legislative tuition grants to aid students and licensure students attending private institutions of higher education.**

(a) In addition to any funds appropriated pursuant to G.S. 116-19 and in addition to all other financial assistance made available to institutions, or to persons attending these institutions, there is granted to each ~~full-time~~ North Carolina undergraduate student attending an approved institution as defined in G.S. 116-22, a sum, to be determined by the General Assembly for each academic year which shall be distributed to the ~~full-time~~ undergraduate student as provided by this subsection. A full-time North Carolina undergraduate student shall be awarded the full amount of the tuition grant provided by this section. A part-time North Carolina undergraduate student shall be awarded a tuition grant in an amount that is calculated on a pro rata basis.

(a1) The legislative tuition grant provided by this section shall also be granted to each full-time licensure student who is enrolled in a program intended to result in a license in teaching or nursing at an approved institution. The legislative tuition grant provided by this section shall be awarded on a pro rata basis to any licensure student who is enrolled less than full-time in a program intended to result in a license in teaching or nursing at an approved institution. The legislative tuition grant and prorated

1 legislative tuition grant authorized under this subsection shall be paid for undergraduate  
2 courses only. If a course is required for licensure, but is designated as both an  
3 undergraduate and graduate course, for purposes of this subsection, the course shall be  
4 considered an undergraduate course.

5 (b) The tuition grants provided for in this section shall be administered by the  
6 State Education Assistance Authority pursuant to rules adopted by the State Education  
7 Assistance Authority not inconsistent with this section. The State Education Assistance  
8 Authority shall not approve any grant until it receives proper certification from an  
9 approved institution that the student or licensure student applying for the grant is  
10 eligible. Upon receipt of the certification, the State Education Assistance Authority shall  
11 remit at the times as it prescribes the grant to the approved institution on behalf, and to  
12 the credit, of the student or licensure student.

13 (c) Except as provided in ~~subsection (a1)~~ subsections (a) and (a1) of this  
14 section, section with regard to part-time or licensure students, in the event a student on  
15 whose behalf a grant has been paid is not enrolled and carrying a minimum academic  
16 load as of the tenth classroom day following the beginning of the school term for which  
17 the grant was paid, the institution shall refund the full amount of the grant to the State  
18 Education Assistance Authority. If a part-time student on whose behalf a prorated grant  
19 has been paid in accordance with subsection (a) of this section or a licensure student on  
20 whose behalf a prorated grant has been paid in accordance with subsection (a1) of this  
21 section is not enrolled in the undergraduate class as of the tenth classroom day  
22 following the beginning of the school term for which the grant was paid, the institution  
23 shall refund the full amount of the grant to the State Education Assistance Authority.  
24 Each approved institution shall be subject to examination by the State Auditor for the  
25 purpose of determining whether the institution has properly certified eligibility and  
26 enrollment of students and licensure students and credited grants paid on behalf of them.

27 (d) In the event there are not sufficient funds to provide each eligible student or  
28 licensure student with a full or prorated grant as provided by subsection (a) of this  
29 section or a full or a prorated grant as provided by subsection (a1) of this section:

- 30 (1) The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina, with the  
31 approval of the Office of State Budget and Management, may transfer  
32 available funds to meet the needs of the programs provided by  
33 subsections (a), (a1), and (b) of this section; and
- 34 (2) Each eligible student and licensure student shall receive a pro rata  
35 share of funds then available for the remainder of the academic year  
36 within the fiscal period covered by the current appropriation.

37 (e) Any remaining funds shall revert to the General Fund."

38 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the State  
39 Education Assistance Authority the sum of four million two hundred twenty-one  
40 thousand eight hundred dollars (\$4,221,800) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year to provide  
41 funds to cover the additional costs of providing pro rata legislative tuition grants to  
42 part-time students other than lateral entry students as provided by G.S. 116-19 to  
43 G.S. 116-22.

44 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.