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Short Title: Scholarships for Veterans & Needy Students. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Hanes, Horn, Johnson, and Holloway (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR VETERANS
3 AND NEEDY STUDENTS.
4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
5 **SECTION 1.(a)** Of the funds appropriated from the Education Lottery Fund to the
6 State Educational Assistance Authority fund for college and university scholarships, the sum of
7 four hundred fifty thousand four hundred thirty-two dollars (\$450,432) for the 2013-2014 fiscal
8 year and the sum of nine hundred one thousand eight hundred sixty-four dollars (\$901,864) for
9 the 2014-2015 fiscal year shall be used to provide 200 community college scholarships. Each
10 community college shall select one veteran and one needy student from each county in its
11 service area to receive the scholarships each year. Of these funds, the State Educational
12 Assistance Authority may use up to two percent (2%) to administer the scholarships; the
13 remainder shall be used for scholarships.
14 **SECTION 1.(b)** In order to be eligible to receive a scholarship under this act, a
15 student seeking a degree, diploma, or certificate at a community college must meet all of the
16 following requirements:
17 (1) Only needy North Carolina students are eligible to receive scholarships. For
18 determining eligibility for a scholarship as a veteran, "needy North Carolina
19 students" are those eligible students (i) who are honorably discharged or
20 discharged under honorable conditions and (ii) whose expected family
21 contribution under the federal methodology does not exceed five thousand
22 dollars (\$5,000). For determining eligibility for a scholarship as a needy
23 student, "needy North Carolina students" are those eligible students for
24 whom there is no expected family contribution under the federal
25 methodology.
26 (2) The student must meet all other eligibility requirements for the federal Pell
27 Grant, with the exception of the expected family contribution.
28 (3) The student must qualify as a legal resident of North Carolina and as a
29 resident for tuition purposes in accordance with definitions of residency that
30 may from time to time be adopted by the Board of Governors and published
31 in the residency manual of the Board of Governors.
32 (4) The student must meet enrollment standards by being admitted, enrolled, and
33 classified as an undergraduate student in a matriculated status at a
34 community college.
35 (5) In order to continue to be eligible for a scholarship for the student's second
36 academic year, the student must meet achievement standards by maintaining



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- 1 satisfactory academic progress in a course of study in accordance with the
2 standards and practices used for federal Title IV programs by the community
3 college in which the student is enrolled.
4 (6) A student may not receive a scholarship under this act for more than two full
5 academic years.

6 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2013.