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BILL NUMBER: Senate Bill 779 (First Edition)

SHORT TITLE: In-State Tuition/Paramedic-to-BSN Program.

SPONSOR(S): Senator Snow

FISCAL IMPACT					
	Yes (X)	No ()	No Estimate Available ()		
	<u>FY 2005-06</u>	<u>FY 2006-07</u>	<u>FY 2007-08</u>	<u>FY 2008-09</u>	<u>FY 2009-10</u>
RECEIPTS:					
WSSU	(\$216,000)	(\$432,000)	(\$432,000)	(\$432,000)	(\$432,000)
EXPENDITURES:					
POSITIONS (cumulative):					
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:	Winston-Salem State University				
EFFECTIVE DATE:	The bill is effective when it becomes law.				

BILL SUMMARY:

S.B. 779 allows out-of-state students enrolling in the Paramedic to Bachelor of Science in Nursing programs offered concurrently by Tri-County Community College (TCCC) and Winston-Salem State University (WSSU) to receive the in-state tuition rate at TCCC and WSSU as long as they remain in good standing in the program.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

The Paramedic to BSN program offered by Winston-Salem State University (WSSU) at Tri County Community College (TCCC) in Cherokee County allows paramedics located in the western part of the State to obtain a BSN from WSSU on the TCCC Campus. Courses are taught either via distance education or by resident WSSU faculty. The following assumptions and methodology were used to determine the cost of granting residency status for tuition purposes to out-of-state students:

1. Paramedics enrolling in the program will have completed all of their lower level courses and will matriculate directly into upper level (i.e. university) courses. Therefore, all of the students enrolled in the program will be paying university tuition.
2. The bill will result in a loss of receipts to the enrolling institution. Therefore, the cost shown in the table above represents the difference between in-state and out-of-state tuition. In-state tuition at Winston-Salem State University is \$1,451 per year; out-of-state tuition is \$10,091. The difference is \$11,542. Therefore, for each out-of-state student enrolled in the program, Winston-Salem State University would realize \$11,542 less if the out-of-state student pays in-state tuition.
3. University tuition is estimated to increase by approximately \$200 per year for in-state and out-of state students.
4. Students will take two years to complete the program.
5. There are currently 23 students enrolled in the Paramedic to BSN program. All of those students are North Carolina residents. Tri-County Community College estimates that enrollment in FY05-06 will be 25 to 50 full-time equivalent (FTE) students. Of those, approximately 50% will be from out-of-state if the bill becomes law. (TCCC does not believe out-of-state enrollment will be as significant if tuition is not reduced for those out-of-state students.) The estimate shown in the table above assumes a maximum out-of-state enrollment of 25 students in the first year. In the second year, 25 new students will begin the program, while the original 25 students complete it, for a total of 50 FTE in the second year.

SOURCES OF DATA:

Tri-County Community College
Winston-Salem State University
UNC-General Administration

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: None.

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