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HOUSE BILL 1159

Short Title: UNC Resident Tuition/Veterans & Dependents. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives McLawhorn, Glazier, Lucas, and Rapp (Primary Sponsors).
For a complete list of Sponsors, see Bill Information on the NCGA Web Site.

Referred to: Appropriations.

May 30, 2012

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO WAIVE THE TWELVE-MONTH STATE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR
3 CERTAIN VETERANS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS, THUS ALLOWING THEM TO
4 QUALIFY FOR THE RESIDENT TUITION RATE.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** Article 14 of Chapter 116 of the General Statutes is amended by
7 adding a new section to read:

8 "**§ 116-143.3A. Tuition of veterans and their dependents.**

9 (a) The following definitions apply in this section:

10 (1) Abode. – Defined in G.S. 116-143.3(a)(1).

11 (2) Armed forces. – Defined in G.S. 116-143.3(a)(2).

12 (3) Veteran. – Any person who is honorably discharged from the Armed Forces
13 on or after July 1, 2011.

14 (b) Notwithstanding G.S. 116-143.1(b), a veteran who qualifies for admission to an
15 institution of higher education as defined in G.S. 116-143.1(a) shall be considered a resident for
16 tuition purposes if the veteran's abode is North Carolina and the veteran was last stationed at a
17 permanent duty station in North Carolina.

18 Notwithstanding G.S. 116-143.1(b), any dependent relative of a veteran eligible for resident
19 tuition under this section shall also be considered a resident for tuition purposes if the
20 dependent's abode is North Carolina."

21 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of
22 Governors of The University of North Carolina the sum of six million three hundred thousand
23 dollars (\$6,300,000) for the 2012-2013 fiscal year to assist with the cost of waiving the
24 12-month State residency requirement for certain veterans of the Armed Forces and their
25 dependents and classifying them as residents for tuition purposes.

26 **SECTION 3.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Community
27 Colleges System Office the sum of four million two hundred thousand dollars (\$4,200,000) for
28 the 2012-2013 fiscal year to assist with the cost of waiving the 12-month State residency
29 requirement for certain veterans of the Armed Forces and their dependents and classifying them
30 as residents for tuition purposes.

31 **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2012, and applies for the
32 2012-2013 fall academic semester and each subsequent academic semester.

