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SENATE BILL 779*

Short Title: In-State Tuition/Paramedic-to-BSN Program.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Snow and Garrou.

Referred to: Education/Higher Education.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO MAKE STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE PARAMEDIC-TO-BSN
2 PROGRAM OFFERED AT TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE BY
3 WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY ELIGIBLE FOR IN-STATE
4 COMMUNITY COLLEGE TUITION AND TO MAKE STUDENTS ENROLLED
5 IN THE PARAMEDIC-TO-BSN PROGRAM OFFERED AT WINSTON-SALEM
6 STATE UNIVERSITY ELIGIBLE FOR IN-STATE UNIVERSITY TUITION.
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8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115D-39(a) reads as rewritten:

10 **"§ 115D-39. Student tuition and fees.**

11 (a) The State Board of Community Colleges shall fix and regulate all tuition and
12 fees charged to students for applying to or attending any institution pursuant to this
13 Chapter.

14 The receipts from all student tuition and fees, other than student activity fees, shall
15 be State funds and shall be deposited as provided by regulations of the State Board of
16 Community Colleges.

17 The legal resident limitation with respect to tuition, set forth in G.S. 116-143.1 and
18 G.S. 116-143.3, shall apply to students attending institutions operating pursuant to this
19 Chapter; provided, however, that when an employer other than the armed services, as
20 that term is defined in G.S. 116-143.3, pays tuition for an employee to attend an
21 institution operating pursuant to this Chapter and when the employee works at a North
22 Carolina business location, the employer shall be charged the in-State tuition rate;
23 provided further, however, a community college may charge in-State tuition to up to
24 one percent (1%) of its out-of-state students, rounded up to the next whole number, to
25 accommodate the families transferred by business, the families transferred by industry,
26 or the civilian families transferred by the military, consistent with the provisions of
27 G.S. 116-143.3, into the State. Notwithstanding these requirements, a refugee who
28 lawfully entered the United States and who is living in this State shall be deemed to
29 qualify as a domiciliary of this State under G.S. 116-143.1(a)(1) and as a State resident

1 for community college tuition purposes as defined in G.S. 116-143.1(a)(2). Also, a
2 nonresident of the United States who has resided in North Carolina for a 12-month
3 qualifying period and has filed an immigrant petition with the United States
4 Immigration and Naturalization Service shall be considered a State resident for
5 community college tuition purposes. A student who is in the Paramedic-to-BSN
6 Program offered at Tri-County Community College by Winston-Salem State University
7 shall be considered a State resident for community college tuition purposes so long as
8 the student remains in good standing in the Program."

9 **SECTION 2.** Article 14 of Chapter 116 of the General Statutes is amended
10 by adding a new section to read:

11 **"§ 116-143.6. Tuition of certain students in the Paramedic-BSN-Program at**
12 **Winston-Salem State University.**

13 Notwithstanding G.S. 116-143.1, any student who enrolls in the Paramedic-to-BSN
14 Program offered at Winston-Salem State University shall be eligible to be charged the
15 in-State tuition rate for courses relevant to that Program so long as the student remains
16 in good standing in the Program."

17 **SECTION 3.** There shall be a separate early registration period for in-State
18 students for the Paramedic-to-BSN Program offered at Tri-County Community College
19 by Winston-Salem State University to ensure that no out-of-state student displaces an
20 in-State student in the Program.

21 **SECTION 4.** Winston-Salem State University and Tri-County Community
22 College shall thoroughly evaluate the effects of the grant of in-State tuition in this act on
23 the production, retention, and utilization of registered nurses in the State. They shall
24 report their findings and their recommendation on continuing the grant of in-State
25 tuition to the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina and the State
26 Board of Community Colleges prior to January 1, 2009.

27 **SECTION 5.** This act is effective when it becomes law and expires July 31,
28 2009. Students who enter the Paramedic-to-BSN Program offered at Tri-County
29 Community College by Winston-Salem State University or enter the Program at
30 Winston-Salem State University prior to July 31, 2009, shall continue to receive in-State
31 tuition in the Program until they complete it so long as they remain in good standing in
32 the Program.