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**HOUSE DRH60324-LH-108 (03/03)**

Short Title: Access To Higher Ed. & A Better Econ. Future. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Glazier, Luebke, Barnhart, and Sauls (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO MEETS CERTAIN QUALIFICATIONS SHALL BE ACCORDED RESIDENT TUITION STATUS IF THE PERSON ENROLLS AS A STUDENT IN A CONSTITUENT INSTITUTION OR A COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 116-143.1 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(m) Notwithstanding other provisions of this section, a person, other than a nonimmigrant alien within the meaning of 8 U.S.C.A. § 1101(a)(15), who meets all of the qualifications set out in subdivisions (1) through (4) of this subsection shall be accorded resident tuition status. The student information obtained in the implementation of this subsection is confidential.

(1) The person received a high school diploma from a secondary or high school within North Carolina.

(2) The person attended North Carolina schools for a minimum of four consecutive years immediately prior to high school graduation.

(3) If the person does not have lawful immigration status, then the person shall also file an affidavit with the constituent institution to which the person is enrolled stating that the person has filed an application to legalize his or her immigration status or will file an application as soon as he or she is eligible to do so.

(4) The person satisfies the admission standards for the constituent institution to which the person applied and has secured admission and enrolled as a student at the constituent institution."

**SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to the 2006-2007 academic year and each subsequent academic year.