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SENATE BILL 940

Short Title: In-State Tuition Rate for Veterans. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Mansfield (Primary Sponsor); and Meredith.

Referred to: Education/Higher Education.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN VETERANS SHALL BE CHARGED THE
3 RESIDENT TUITION TO ATTEND A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER
4 EDUCATION IN NORTH CAROLINA WITHOUT HAVING FIRST MAINTAINED
5 LEGAL RESIDENCE IN NORTH CAROLINA FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

9 "**§ 116-143.3A. Tuition of veterans and their dependents.**

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

11 (1) Abode. – Has the same meaning as G.S. 116-143.3(a)(1).

12 (2) Armed Forces. – Has the same meaning as G.S. 116-143.3(a)(2).

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

15 (b) Notwithstanding G.S. 116-143.1(b), a veteran qualifying for admission to an
16 institution of higher education as defined in G.S. 116-143.1(a) shall be charged the in-State
17 tuition rate without having maintained legal residence in North Carolina for at least 12 months
18 immediately prior to the veteran's classification as a resident for tuition purposes if the veteran
19 satisfies all of the following criteria:

20 (1) The veteran's last permanent duty station was in North Carolina.

21 (2) The veteran's abode is North Carolina.

22 (3) The veteran satisfies all other conditions for domicile.

23 (4) The veteran enrolls in a public institution of higher education within five
24 years of the date of the veteran's discharge from the Armed Forces.

25 (c) A veteran who is classified as a resident for tuition purposes under this section shall
26 continue to be eligible for in-State tuition under this section for no more than 12 months from
27 the date the veteran enrolls in the degree or other program."

28 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to academic
29 semesters beginning on or after July 1, 2012.

