

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 421
House Committee Substitute Favorable 8/12/21

Short Title: CC/In-State Tuition & Board Elections.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 1, 2021

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY
3 FOR IN-STATE TUITION FOR RECENT HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES MEETING
4 CERTAIN CRITERIA AND TO CLARIFY THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY
5 COLLEGES ELECTION PROCESS.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115D-39 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

8 "(e) A United States citizen shall be eligible to receive the State resident community
9 college tuition rate for the school year immediately following the student's graduation from high
10 school if all of the following conditions are met:

11 (1) The individual satisfied the qualifications for assignment to a public school,
12 as provided in G.S. 115C-366.

13 (2) The individual was enrolled in a North Carolina public school unit for the
14 entirety of the final school year before receiving a high school diploma from
15 the public school unit.

16 (3) The individual was unable, due to lack of evidence, to establish residency for
17 tuition purposes through the centralized residency determination process
18 administered by the State Education Assistance Authority."

19 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 115D-2.2(c), as enacted by S.L. 2021-90, reads as rewritten:

20 "(c) At each session of the General Assembly held in an odd-numbered year, the Senate
21 and the House of Representatives shall ~~select~~ elect from a slate of candidates made in each
22 chamber. The slate shall be prepared as provided by resolution in each chamber. If a sufficient
23 number of nominees who are legally qualified are submitted, then the slate of candidates shall
24 list at least twice the number of candidates for the total seats open. All qualified candidates shall
25 compete against all other qualified candidates. All candidates shall submit a statement of
26 economic interest to the State Ethics Commission for review under G.S. 138A-24."

27 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

