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SENATE BILL DRS45311-MT-89

Short Title: Revise Private Need-Based Scholarship. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Hise (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO REVISE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR NEED-BASED  
3 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS ATTENDING PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS OF  
4 HIGHER EDUCATION AND TO MAKE CERTAIN CONFORMING CHANGES.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.(a)** G.S. 116-280 reads as rewritten:

7 **"§ 116-280. Definitions.**

8 The following definitions apply to this Article:

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10 (3) Eligible private postsecondary institution. – A school that is any of the  
11 following:

12 a. A nonprofit postsecondary educational institution with a main  
13 permanent campus located in this State that is not owned or operated  
14 by the State of North Carolina or by an agency or political subdivision  
15 of the State or by any combination thereof that satisfies all of the  
16 following:

- 17 1. Is either (i) accredited by a regional accrediting agency, as  
18 defined in G.S. 115D-6.2 and G.S. 116-11.4, or the  
19 Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools  
20 or (ii) was accredited by SACSCOC on January 1, 2021, and,  
21 beginning January 1, 2021, was a member of the Transnational  
22 Association of Christian Colleges and Schools.

23 2. Awards a postsecondary degree as defined in G.S. 116-15.

24 a1. A postsecondary educational institution with a permanent campus  
25 located in this State that is not owned or operated by the State of North  
26 Carolina or an agency or political subdivision of the State or by any  
27 combination thereof that satisfies all of the following:

28 1. Is accredited by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools  
29 Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) and designated by  
30 SACSCOC as a level VI degree-granting institution.

31 2. Awards a postsecondary degree as defined in G.S. 116-15.

32 b. A postsecondary institution owned or operated by a hospital authority  
33 as defined in G.S. 131E-16(14) or school of nursing affiliated with a  
34 nonprofit postsecondary educational institution as defined in  
35 sub-subdivision a. of this subsection.



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(4) Main permanent campus. – A campus owned by the eligible private postsecondary institution that provides permanent on-premises housing, food services, and classrooms with full-time faculty members and administration that engages in postsecondary degree activity as defined in G.S. 116-15.

(4a) Permanent campus. – A campus owned by an eligible private postsecondary institution that provides permanent classrooms with full-time faculty members and administration that engages in postsecondary degree activity as defined in G.S. 116-15.

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**SECTION 1.(b)** G.S. 116-209.100(1)c. reads as rewritten:

"c. ~~A nonprofit~~An eligible private postsecondary institution as defined in G.S. 116-280(3)."

**SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with scholarships awarded in the 2025-2026 academic year.