



HOUSE BILL 681: CCS/Teacher In-State Tuition Pilot.

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Committee:	House Education - K-12. If favorable, re-refer to Appropriations. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	May 4, 2021
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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 681 would create a Teacher Recruitment Pilot Program in Craven County Schools for out-of-State teachers holding a residency license to allow them to be able to pay in-State tuition at certain constituents of The University of North Carolina (UNC).*

CURRENT LAW: The general law for eligibility for in-State tuition at a UNC constituent institution requires a one-year domicile in the State.

Residency licenses are 1-year teaching licenses that are renewable twice. It must be requested by the local board of education along with a supervision certification from the educator preparation program in which the individual is enrolled. The individual with the residency license must also meet the following: (i) have a bachelor's degree; (ii) has either completed coursework relevant to the requested licensure area or passed the content area exam relevant to the requested licensure area; (iii) is enrolled in a recognized educator preparation program; and (iv) meets all other requirements set by the State Board of Education.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 681 would create a Teacher Recruitment Pilot Program (Program) in Craven County Schools for out-of-State teachers holding residency licenses to all them in-State tuition at certain UNC constituent institutions. The Program would be for 5 years, beginning with the 2021-2022 academic year and ending with the 2025-2026 academic year.

Eligibility: A teacher employed by the Craven County Board of Education would qualify for in-State tuition for the courses that the teacher completes towards an educator license if the teacher meets the following: (i) holds a residency license; and (ii) is enrolled in an educator preparation program at one of the following constituent institutions: East Carolina University; University of North Carolina at Wilmington; Elizabeth City State University; or Fayetteville State University.

A student eligible for in-State tuition only due to this Program shall not displace a North Carolina resident eligible for in-State tuition who is seeking to enroll in an educator preparation program offered by a constituent institution participating in the Program.

Report: Craven County Schools must report the results of the Program to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee and the Fiscal Research Division of the General Assembly beginning September 15, 2022 and annually for the duration of the Program. The report must include information about the number of participants in the Program, including the number at each participating constituent institution, as well as the number of individuals that were unable to participate in the Program because of potential displacement of North Carolina residents. The report must also provide the number of teachers who remained employed by the Craven County Board of Education after receiving in-State tuition through the Program and completing an educator preparation program.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The bill becomes effective when it becomes law.

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