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HOUSE BILL 709: NCNG Tuition Assistance Benefit Amendment

2015-2016 General Assembly

Committee:	House Education - Universities	Date:	April 27, 2015
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SUMMARY: *House Bill 709 would extend eligibility for North Carolina National Guard tuition assistance to eligible North Carolina National Guard members enrolled in a program granting graduate certificates.*

CURRENT LAW: Tuition assistance is available under the North Carolina National Guard Tuition Assistance Act of 1975 to eligible¹ active members of the North Carolina National Guard who are enrolled in any in-State business or trade school, in-State private educational institution, or State educational institution, and are seeking:

- completion of their secondary school education at a community college or technical institute;
- trade or vocational training or education; or
- two-year associate, four-year baccalaureate, or graduate degrees.

G.S. 116-209.54(b).

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 709 would amend G.S. 116-209.54(b) to extend eligibility for tuition assistance to eligible members of the North Carolina National Guard who are enrolled in a program granting a graduate certificate.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act is effective when it becomes law.

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¹ To be eligible to receive this tuition assistance, the person must have a minimum obligation of two years remaining as a member of the North Carolina National Guard from the end of the academic period for which tuition assistance is provided, or must commit himself or herself to extended membership for at least two years from the end of that academic period. G.S. 116-209.54(a).

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