

**SENATE BILL 37:** Waive Tuition/Fallen Officer Was Guardian

2015-2016 General Assembly

Committee:		Date:	
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Analysis of:	S.L. 2015-296		Staff Attorney

SUMMARY: S.L. 2015-296 requires campuses of The University of North Carolina, and North Carolina community colleges to waive tuition for children whose legal guardians and legal custodians are law enforcement officers, firefighters, volunteer firefighters, or rescue squad workers who are killed as a direct result of traumatic injury sustained in the line of duty or are permanently and totally disabled as a direct result of a traumatic injury sustained in the line of duty. The act also clarifies that the guardianship and custodian relationships must be verified by an order from a court proceeding.

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**BILL ANALYSIS:** S.L. 2015-296 requires UNC campuses and North Carolina community colleges to waive tuition for children whose legal guardians and legal custodians are law enforcement officers, firefighters, volunteer firefighters, or rescue squad workers who are killed as a direct result of traumatic injury sustained in the line of duty or are permanently and totally disabled as a direct result of a traumatic injury sustained in the line of duty. The act also provides that the guardianship and custodian relationships must be verified by an order from a court proceeding.

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