



HOUSE BILL 519: Tri-County CC/Neighbor State In-State Tuition.

2017-2018 General Assembly

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OVERVIEW: *HB 519 would provide in-state tuition to residents of other states who reside in counties bordering the service area of Tri-County Community College.*

CURRENT LAW: G.S. 115D-39(a) and G.S. 116-143.1-3 determine who receives in-state tuition.

G.S. 116-143.1: To qualify as a resident for tuition purposes, a person must have established legal residence (domicile) in North Carolina and maintained that legal residence for at least 12 months immediately prior to his or her classification as a resident for tuition purposes.

G.S. 115D-39(a): Applies the legal residence requirement for in-state tuition to students attending community colleges.

Chapter 116 and 115D provide various exceptions to the residency requirements for in-state tuition rates. Exceptions that apply to students at community colleges who do not live in the State include:

- Employers who provide community college tuition assistance to employees who work in the State are billed in-state tuition. G.S. 115C-39(a).
- Members of the North Carolina National Guard who are not residents of the State. G.S. 116-143.1(h1).

BILL ANALYSIS: HB 519 would add an exception to the current tuition residency laws to allow out-of-state students who legally reside in counties that share a border with Cherokee County, Clay County, or Graham County to pay in-state tuition when attending Tri-County Community College. The bill would also ensure that out-of-state students would not take the place of in-state students seeking to enroll at that college.

EFFECTIVE DATE: HB 519 would become effective when it becomes law and apply beginning with the 2017-2018 school year.

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