



HOUSE BILL 438: Campus Police/Private IHE/CC Waiver.

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OVERVIEW: House Bill 438 would allow the State Board of Community Colleges (State Board) to waive tuition and registration fees for courses for the training needs of campus police agencies of private institutions of higher education and would appropriate funds to cover the cost of the waiver.

CURRENT LAW: G.S. 115D-5(b) identifies individuals and entities that can receive tuition and registration fee waivers for community college courses. The State Board cannot waive tuition or registration fees for individuals or entities not listed in statute. G.S. 115D-5(b)(2) identifies entities that can have tuition and registration fees waived for courses requested by the entities that support their training needs and are on a specialized course list approved by the State Board of Community Colleges. These entities include:

- Volunteer fire departments.
- Municipal, county, or State fire departments.
- Volunteer EMS or rescue and lifesaving departments.
- Municipal, county, or State EMS or rescue and lifesaving departments.
- Law enforcement, fire, EMS or rescue and lifesaving entities serving a lake authority that was created by a county board of commissioners prior to July 1, 2012.
- Radio Emergency Associated Communications teams (REACT) under contract to a county as an emergency response agency.
- Municipal, county, or State law enforcement agencies.
- The Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety for the training of full-time custodial employees and employees of the Division required to be certified under Chapter 17C of the General Statutes and the rules of the Criminal Justice and Training Standards Commission.
- The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians law enforcement, fire, EMS, or rescue and lifesaving tribal government departments or programs.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 438 would add to the list of entities in G.S. 115D-5(b)(2) the campus police agencies of private institutions of higher education certified by the Attorney General pursuant to Chapter 74G of the General Statutes. The bill would also appropriate \$110,000 in recurring funds to the Community College System Office, beginning with the 2020-2021 fiscal year, to support the waiver of tuition and fees for these police agencies.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act would become effective July 1, 2019, and would apply beginning with the 2019-2020 academic year.

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