



HOUSE BILL 8: In-State Tuition Pilot Program.

**This Bill Analysis
reflects the contents
of the bill as it was
presented in
committee.**

2019-2020 General Assembly

Committee:	House Education - Community Colleges. If favorable, re-refer to State and Local Government. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	February 26, 2019
Introduced by:	Rep. Corbin	Prepared by:	Samantha Yarborough Staff Attorney
Analysis of:	PCS to First Edition H8-CSBN-2		

OVERVIEW: *HB 8 would provide in-State tuition to residents of other states who reside in counties bordering the service area of Tri-County Community College.*

The PCS to HB 8 would remove the contents of HB 8 and instead authorize the State Board of Community Colleges to create a four-year pilot program for residents of certain border counties in Georgia to receive in-State tuition at Tri-County Community College.

CURRENT LAW: G.S. 116-143.1 states that 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.

115D-39(a) applies the legal residence requirements of G.S. 116-143.1 to students attending community colleges. Students attending community colleges who do not live in the State may be eligible to receive the in-State tuition rate if they are participating in certain training for employees paid for by employers, or training for law enforcement or certain other emergency personnel whose duty station is within the State.

BILL ANALYSIS: The PCS would authorize the State Board of Community Colleges to create an in-State tuition pilot program for residents of Georgia counties bordering North Carolina. The pilot program would allow out-of-state students to pay in-State tuition at Tri-County Community College if they are residents of one of the following Georgia counties: Fannin County, Rabun County, Towns County, or Union County. The PCS would require that no out-of-state student qualifying for in-State tuition as a result of this pilot program displace a North Carolina resident seeking enrollment at Tri-County Community College.

The PCS would require that the State Board of Community Colleges report on the outcomes of the pilot program annually to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee and the Fiscal Research Division of the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The PCS would become effective when it becomes law and apply beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.

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