

## SENATE BILL 390: UNC Law Enforcement Recruitment.

## 2021-2022 General Assembly

Committee: Senate Education/Higher Education. If **Date:** April 14, 2021

favorable, re-refer to Rules and Operations of

the Senate

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OVERVIEW: Senate Bill 390 would allow full-time and part-time campus law enforcement officers to enroll in courses without paying tuition and fees. The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina (UNC BOG) would determine the number of courses these individuals could enroll in without paying tuition and fees.

**CURRENT LAW:** The UNC BOG sets the tuition and fees at each constituent institution, not inconsistent with the actions of the General Assembly. Tuition and fee waivers are prohibited except when expressly authorized by statute.

Under G.S. 116-143, the UNC BOG has the discretion to adopt regulations that allow the following individuals employed by The University of North Carolina to enroll in not more than 3 courses per year without paying tuition and fees:

- A full-time faculty member of the rank of full-time instructor or above.
- A full-time staff member.

The enrollment cannot interfere with normal employment obligations and the enrollments are not counted for the purposes of receiving General Fund appropriations.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** Senate Bill 290 would allow full-time and part-time campus law enforcement officer to enroll in a certain number of courses without paying fees or tuition. The UNC BOG would determine the number of courses that these individuals could enroll in without paying tuition and fees.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The bill is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with the 2021-2022 academic year.

**BACKGROUND:** The UNC BOG has adopted regulation 1000.2.2.1[R] to implement G.S. 116-143 and allows employees to take 3 courses per academic year without paying tuition and fees.

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