



HOUSE BILL 1203: Family Support for Those Who Serve Act.

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Committee:	House Higher Education. If favorable, re-refer to Appropriations. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	June 10, 2026
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Analysis of:	PCS to First Edition H1203-CSDE-9		Committee Co-Counsel

OVERVIEW: *The First Edition of House Bill 1203 would provide a tuition waiver to children of law enforcement officers, firefighters, or experienced correctional officers to attend a community college.*

The PCS to House Bill 1203 would make various technical and conforming changes to the First Edition of the bill.

CURRENT LAW: G.S. 115B-2 provides a tuition waiver at the constituent institutions of The University of North Carolina (UNC) and community colleges for the spouses and children of law enforcement officers, firefighters, volunteer firefighters, rescue squad workers, or correctional officers killed or permanently disabled in the line of duty.

G.S. 115B-5 requires the constituent institutions of UNC and the community colleges to verify the eligibility of a person requesting a tuition waiver with certain documentation.

BILL ANALYSIS: The PCS to HB 1203 would provide a tuition waiver to the children of certain public safety officials to attend a community college. To be eligible, (i) a child must be at least 17 years old and not more than 24 years old and (ii) the child's parent, legal guardian, or legal custodian must be a law enforcement officer, a firefighter, or experienced correctional officer. An experienced correctional officer is a correctional officer with at least 10 years of service in North Carolina.

An eligible child would have to apply to a community college and meet admissions standards established by the community college. A child's eligibility could not exceed the number of months required to complete the program in which the child is enrolled.

A child requesting a tuition waiver would have to submit documentation to the community college to prove his or her eligibility.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This PCS would be effective when it becomes law and apply beginning with the 2026-2027 academic year.

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