



HOUSE BILL 373: UNC Tuition Discounts for Certain Students.

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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 373 would allow constituent institutions of The University of North Carolina to provide discounted tuition to individuals receiving military tuition assistance or individuals enrolled in an employer-sponsored financial support program.*

CURRENT LAW: Under G.S. 116-143, constituent institutions are not allowed to provide tuition and fee waivers, including discounted tuition, unless specifically authorized by statute. The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina may provide regulations under which personnel can enroll free of charge for tuition and fees if the enrollment does not interfere with employment obligations and if the enrollments are not counted for the purposes of receiving General Fund appropriations. Full-time faculty members of the rank of full-time instructor or above and any full-time staff member of The University of North Carolina may enroll in not more than three courses per year. Full-time or part-time staff campus law enforcement officers may enroll in the number of courses per year determined by regulation.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 373 would provide for the following:

- Allow constituent institutions to discount tuition to qualifying military students by an amount of up to the difference in the maximum amount of military tuition assistance funds received by the student and the applicable tuition. Qualifying military students are those that are residents of the State for tuition purposes and receive either (i) federal military tuition assistance funds or (ii) military tuition assistance for members of the North Carolina National Guard.
- Allow constituent institutions to discount tuition to students who are enrolled in an employer-sponsored financial support program approved by the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina. The discount may be up to the difference in the maximum amount provided by the employee and the applicable tuition. An employer-sponsored financial support program is a program in which the employer of a student has committed to provide financial support to the student to offset the costs of tuition or fees for the student's degree or credential program.

By February 15 of each year, the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina must report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee and the Fiscal Research Division on the discounted tuition provided in the previous academic year for qualifying military students and students enrolled in employer-sponsored financial support programs. The report must include the number of students that received these discounts and the annual financial impact on each constituent institution because of the discounted tuition.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The bill would become effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with the 2025-2026 school year.

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