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HOUSE BILL 702
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Short Title: Seniors CC Tuition Waiver. (Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES SHALL WAIVE TUITION AND REGISTRATION FEES FOR UP TO SIX HOURS OF CREDIT INSTRUCTION AND ONE COURSE OF NONCREDIT INSTRUCTION PER ACADEMIC SEMESTER FOR SENIOR CITIZENS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 115D-5(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) In order to make instruction as accessible as possible to all citizens, the teaching of curricular courses and of noncurricular extension courses at convenient locations away from institution campuses as well as on campuses is authorized and shall be encouraged. A pro rata portion of the established regular tuition rate charged a full-time student shall be charged a part-time student taking any curriculum course. In lieu of any tuition charge, the State Board of Community Colleges shall establish a uniform registration fee, or a schedule of uniform registration fees, to be charged students enrolling in extension courses for which instruction is financed primarily from State funds. The State Board of Community Colleges may provide by general and uniform regulations for waiver of tuition and registration fees for the following:

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(17) Courses of up to six hours of credit instruction and one course of noncredit instruction per academic semester for senior citizens who are 65 years of age or older and are qualified as residents for tuition purposes. This waiver shall not apply to other costs associated with instruction, including books and instructional materials, and is subject to space being available in an individual course.

The State Board of Community Colleges shall not waive tuition and registration fees for other individuals."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2017, and applies beginning with the 2017-2018 academic year.