Short Title:	Seniors CC Tuition Waiver.	(Public)

Sponsors:	Representatives Howard, Setzer, Henson, and Elmore (Primary Sponsors).
	For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.

Referred to:	Education - Community Colleges

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1   A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES
3   SHALL WAIVE TUITION AND REGISTRATION FEES FOR UP TO SIX HOURS OF
4   CREDIT PER ACADEMIC SEMESTER FOR SENIOR CITIZENS.
5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
6   **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115D-5(b) reads as rewritten:
7   "(b)   In order to make instruction as accessible as possible to all citizens, the teaching of
8 curricular courses and of noncurricular extension courses at convenient locations away from
9 institution campuses as well as on campuses is authorized and shall be encouraged. A pro rata
10 portion of the established regular tuition rate charged a full-time student shall be charged a
11 part-time student taking any curriculum course. In lieu of any tuition charge, the State Board of
12 Community Colleges shall establish a uniform registration fee, or a schedule of uniform
13 registration fees, to be charged students enrolling in extension courses for which instruction is
14 financed primarily from State funds. The State Board of Community Colleges may provide by
15 general and uniform regulations for waiver of tuition and registration fees for the following:
16   …
17   (17)   Courses for senior citizens who are 65 years of age or older and are qualified
18   as legal residents of North Carolina for up to six hours of credit per
19   academic semester. This waiver shall not apply to other costs associated with
20   instruction, including books and instructional materials.
21   The State Board of Community Colleges shall not waive tuition and registration fees for
22 other individuals."
23   **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2017, and applies beginning with
24 the 2017-2018 academic year.

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