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SENATE BILL 611

Short Title: CTP Programs/Scholarship Eligibility. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Ballard (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO EXPAND ELIGIBILITY FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA EDUCATION  
3 LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP AND THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
4 NEED-BASED GRANT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS TO STUDENTS ENROLLED IN  
5 COMPREHENSIVE TRANSITION PROGRAMS.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-499.1 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

8 "(2a) Comprehensive Transition Programs or CTP. – A higher education program  
9 for students with intellectual disabilities approved by the United States  
10 Department of Education pursuant to the Higher Education Opportunity Act  
11 of 2008, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1140f – 1140i."

12 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 115C-499.2 reads as rewritten:

13 "**§ 115C-499.2. Eligibility requirements for a scholarship.**

14 In order to be eligible to receive a scholarship under this Article, a student seeking a course  
15 of study, degree, diploma, or certificate at an eligible postsecondary institution must meet all of  
16 the following requirements:

- 17 (1) Only needy North Carolina students are eligible to receive scholarships. For  
18 purposes of this subsection, "needy North Carolina students" are those eligible  
19 students whose expected family contribution under the federal methodology  
20 does not exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000).
- 21 (2) The student must meet all other eligibility requirements for the federal Pell  
22 Grant, with the exception of the expected family contribution.
- 23 (3) The student must qualify as a legal resident of North Carolina and as a resident  
24 for tuition purposes under the criteria set forth in G.S. 116-143.1 and in  
25 accordance with definitions of residency that may from time to time be  
26 adopted by the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina.
- 27 (4) The student must meet enrollment standards by being admitted, enrolled, and  
28 classified as an undergraduate student in a matriculated status or as a student  
29 enrolled in a Comprehensive Transition Program at an eligible postsecondary  
30 institution.
- 31 (5) In order to continue to be eligible for a scholarship for the student's second  
32 and subsequent academic years, the student must meet achievement standards  
33 by maintaining satisfactory academic progress in a course of study in  
34 accordance with the standards and practices used for federal Title IV programs  
35 by the eligible postsecondary institution in which the student is enrolled.



1 (6) Repealed by Session Laws 2013-360, s. 11.15(a), and applicable to the  
2 2014-2015 academic year and each subsequent academic year."

3 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 116-25.1 reads as rewritten:

4 "**§ 116-25.1. Semester limitation on eligibility for The University of North Carolina**  
5 **need-based financial aid grants.**

6 (a) Except as otherwise provided by this section, a student shall not receive a grant from  
7 The University of North Carolina Need-Based Financial Aid Program for more than 10 full-time  
8 academic semesters, or its equivalent if enrolled part-time, unless the student is enrolled in a  
9 program officially designated by the Board of Governors as a five-year degree program. If a  
10 student is enrolled in such a five-year degree program, then the student shall not receive a  
11 need-based grant from The University of North Carolina Need-Based Financial Aid Program for  
12 more than 12 full-time academic semesters or its equivalent if enrolled part-time.

13 (b) Upon application by a student, the constituent institution may grant a waiver to the  
14 student who may then receive a grant for the equivalent of one additional full-time academic  
15 semester if the student demonstrates that any of the following have substantially disrupted or  
16 interrupted the student's pursuit of a degree: (i) a military service obligation, (ii) serious medical  
17 debilitation, (iii) a short-term or long-term disability, or (iv) other extraordinary hardship. The  
18 Board of Governors shall establish policies and procedures to implement the waiver provided by  
19 this subsection.

20 (c) A student who meets enrollment standards by being admitted, enrolled, and classified  
21 as a student enrolled in a Comprehensive Transition Program at an eligible postsecondary  
22 institution shall be eligible for a grant from The University of North Carolina Need-Based  
23 Financial Aid Program if the student otherwise meets the requirements of the program. For the  
24 purposes of this subsection, a "Comprehensive Transition Program" is a higher education  
25 program for students with intellectual disabilities approved by the United States Department of  
26 Education pursuant to the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1140f –  
27 1140i."

28 **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2019, and applies beginning with  
29 the 2020-2021 academic year.