

NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM Dr. R. Scott Ralls, President

September 15, 2008

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Members of the State Board of Community Colleges

Community College Presidents and Boards of Trustees Chairs

NC Community College System Office Staff

Other Interested Parties

FROM:

Q. Shanté Martin, General Counsel

RE:

AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 115B OF THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTES; Session Law 2008-135, House Bill 1076

The General Assembly of North Carolina has amended Chapter 115B of the North Carolina General Statutes, to add a section entitled "Tuition and Fee Waivers." The new section number is N.C.G.S. § 115B-2A. This amendment became effective on August 1, 2008.

For your convenience, a copy of the Session Law is attached. Please post a copy of this Session Law in prominent places so that all individuals affected by the proposed changes will be informed.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding Session Law 2008-135, House Bill 1076, please feel free to contact me at martins@nccommunitycolleges.edu.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2007

SESSION LAW 2008-135 HOUSE BILL 1076

AN ACT TO WAIVE FEES AS WELL AS TUITION FOR CERTAIN PERSONS ATTENDING CLASSES AT A CONSTITUENT INSTITUTION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA OR AT A COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. The title of Chapter 115B of the General Statutes reads as rewritten:

"Chapter 115B. Tuition <u>and Fee</u> Waivers."

SECTION 2. Chapter 115B of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 115B-2A. Fee waiver authorized.

The constituent institutions of The University of North Carolina and the community colleges as defined in G.S. 115D-2(2) shall permit any person to attend classes for up to six hours of credit or noncredit purposes each academic semester without the required payment of fees, excluding textbooks, the community colleges computer use and technology fee, and community college course specific fees, if the person has attained the age of 65 and qualifies as a legal resident of North Carolina and as a resident for tuition purposes in accordance with definitions of residency that may from time to time be adopted by the Board of Governors and published in the residency manual of the Board of Governors."

SECTION 3. This act becomes effective August 1, 2008, and applies to classes for any academic semester beginning on or after that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 8th day of July, 2008.

s/ Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

s/ Joe Hackney Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Michael F. Easley

Governor

Approved 8:15 p.m. this 28th day of July, 2008