



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 6239

LCO No. 1095

Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment
Advancement

Introduced by:

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***AN ACT CONCERNING TUITION WAIVERS FOR PERSONS WHO ARE
LAID OFF AND WHO SEEK IN-STATE EMPLOYMENT IN AREAS OF
WORKFORCE SHORTAGE AND ANTICIPATED JOB GROWTH.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 That sections 10a-77, 10a-99 and 10a-105 of the general statutes be
2 amended to require public institutions of higher education to waive
3 the payment of tuition fees for any person who is laid off from
4 employment and thereafter enrolls in a course of study at such an
5 institution of higher education in an area designated by the
6 Commissioner of Higher Education to be a workforce shortage area or
7 an area of anticipated job growth. It is proposed that tuition be so
8 waived when the state unemployment rate is greater than ___ per
9 cent and expire when the unemployment rate is at or less than ___ per
10 cent except for students who enrolled in such a course of study prior to
11 the unemployment rate dropping below the threshold of ___ per cent.
12 It is further proposed that any person who takes advantage of the
13 tuition waiver be required to accept employment in one of such areas

14 with an in-state employer and remain employed in this area and in this
15 state for an amount of time deemed reasonable by the Commissioner
16 of Higher Education.

Statement of Purpose:

To encourage persons who are laid off to use their time to prepare for jobs in this state in areas in which there is a workforce shortage and anticipated job growth.