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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE AUDIT COMMITTEE RELATING TO PROGRAM PLANNING IN, AND ORGANIZATION AND RESTRUCTURING OF, THE NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. (a) The State Board of Community Colleges shall conduct a review of the structure of the community college system. The State Board of Community Colleges shall study the structure of the community college system based upon a regional review of program needs in order to facilitate the most efficient use of system resources. The program planning required by this act shall include the defining of enlarged service areas for community colleges based upon the needs of the respective service areas. The planning process utilized by the State Board shall include review of the need to consolidate, eliminate, or modify the status of existing community colleges and multi-campus and off-campus centers. The State Board shall review the distribution of physical facilities, programs, and resources in regions for the purpose of eliminating competition among the community colleges for students in overlapping service areas.

(b) In the defining of new regions for the most efficient functioning of the community college system, the State Board of Community Colleges shall conduct a comprehensive program review designed to eliminate any unproductive, low-quality, unnecessary, or duplicative programs.

1 (c) The State Board of Community Colleges shall implement a regional program
2 structure to facilitate effective program planning, efficient use of resources, the
3 implementation of statewide curriculum standards, and consolidated high-quality
4 programs. The regional structure shall be the unit used for the purposes of
5 comprehensive planning and budgeting in the community college system. The criteria
6 used by the State Board in determining the manner in which the community college
7 system shall be restructured into newly defined regions may include, in addition to other
8 appropriate criteria, the following:

- 9 (1) Location of the nearest college or satellite campus;
- 10 (2) New or anticipated population to be served;
- 11 (3) Existing and proposed transportation corridors and facilities;
- 12 (4) Programs proposed compared to the location of the nearest similar
13 program;
- 14 (5) Feasibility of delivering programs using technology;
- 15 (6) Use and availability of facilities of local school systems;
- 16 (7) Potential impact on enrollment of nearby institutions; and
- 17 (8) Geographical redistribution of college transfer programs.

18 Sec. 2. The State Board of Community Colleges shall establish standards for
19 the periodic review of community college programs including standards for the
20 termination of programs.

21 Sec. 3. The State Board of Community Colleges shall establish within the
22 community college system Programs for Excellence that shall be responsible for the
23 creation of world class model programs to be implemented throughout the community
24 college system at each of the institutions authorized to offer the program. The Programs
25 for Excellence shall design model curricula, establish curriculum standards, and update
26 curricula in response to changes in technologies and market conditions. The Programs
27 for Excellence for each curriculum program area shall be composed of community
28 college faculty members from any community college who are chosen for their
29 individual excellence and leadership.

30 Sec. 4. This act is effective upon ratification.