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SENATE BILL 505

Short Title: Comm. Colleges Study Economic Dev.

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Sponsors: Senator Perdue.

Referred to: Education/Higher Education.

March 18, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

**AN ACT TO DIRECT THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO
STUDY ITS SMALL BUSINESS CENTERS PROGRAM TO DETERMINE HOW
TO PROVIDE FOR MORE EFFECTIVE DELIVERY OF PROGRAM SERVICES.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The General Assembly finds that:

(1) The North Carolina Community College System administers four programs related to economic development, as follows:

a. Focused Industrial Training (FIT), a program that provides development and delivery of customized training programs to skilled and semi-skilled workers.

b. New and Expanding Industries, a program that provides job training to specific companies as part of a State effort to attract and retain industry.

c. Small Business Centers, which provide one-on-one business counseling, seminars, workshops, business courses, referrals, literature, and learning materials to small businesses.

d. Occupational Extension, which provides a range of instructional programs to community members.

(2) There are currently 53 Small Business Centers at various community college campuses.

(3) The Small Business Centers had a budget of two million six hundred thousand dollars (\$2,600,000) for the 1991-92 fiscal year.

1 Sec. 2. The State Board of Community Colleges shall, in consultation with
2 the local boards of trustees of all affected community colleges and in consultation with
3 the Economic Development Council created in G.S. 143B-434, study its Small Business
4 Centers. As part of this study, the State Board shall review the distribution of funds in
5 the program, review program statistics to assess its effectiveness in assisting small
6 businesses, and determine options for fund distribution to provide for more effective
7 delivery of program services. The State Board shall report to the General Assembly and
8 the Joint Education Oversight Commission by July 1, 1994, on its findings.

9 Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification.