

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

SESSION 1997

S

1

SENATE BILL 1533*

Short Title: Community College Expansion Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Dalton; Albertson, Ballance, Ballantine, Blust, Carpenter, Cochrane, Dannelly, Forrester, Garwood, Gulley, Horton, Hoyle, Jenkins, Kinnaird, Lee, Lucas, Martin of Pitt, Martin of Guilford, McDaniel, Miller, Moore, Odom, Purcell, Reeves, Rucho, Warren, Weinstein, and Wellons.

Referred to: Appropriations.

June 1, 1998

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE EXPANSION BUDGET FUNDS FOR THE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The General Assembly finds that the North Carolina Community College System, developed in the 1960s, has been a wise and beneficial investment of the tax dollars of the citizens of this State and has significantly contributed to the economic development of this State. Furthermore, the General Assembly finds that the Community College System has enhanced the capabilities of the State to provide for better secondary and higher education through coordination with the public school systems and the colleges and universities of this State. In addition, it has offered cultural opportunities and a quality of life that benefits the State and its citizens and makes the State more attractive to expanding or locating industries.

The General Assembly recognizes the need for education, training, and technology as our workforce prepares to compete in a global economy. The General Assembly also, however, recognizes its commitment to public education and higher education and the need to fund necessary programs which benefit the State and its

1 citizens. The General Assembly recognizes the finite fiscal resources of the State but
2 also finds the funding provided for herein is an appropriate use of these resources and is
3 essential to the continued integrity of the Community College System and should be
4 provided in the expansion budget for the fiscal years referenced; therefore, there is
5 appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Community Colleges the sum
6 of one hundred ninety-five million forty-two thousand seven hundred ninety-six dollars
7 (\$195,042,796) for the 1998-99 fiscal year. These funds shall be used as follows:

8 (1) \$1,960,042 for enrollment growth. These funds will be used to meet
9 current projections for enrollment growth for 1998-99, which are higher
10 than was projected in last year's budget process.

11 (2) \$10,129,656 for Occupational Continuing Education. These funds will
12 be used for the planning, design, and delivery of Occupational
13 Continuing Education courses in order to help individuals and
14 businesses acquire new knowledge and skills and to move toward
15 equivalent funding with curriculum programs.

16 (3) \$20,634,500 for technology. These funds will be used to improve
17 computer technology capabilities associated with improving
18 instructional delivery, responding to reporting requirements, developing
19 student information systems, using state-of-the-art software and
20 infrastructure, and improving instructional staff support in:

21 a. Equipment - hardware and infrastructure: (see subdivision (8) of
22 this section)

23 b. Instructional support - additional "MIS" positions for colleges:
24 \$8,436,000

25 c. Other costs - software procurement and maintenance:
26 \$11,043,000

27 d. N.C. Virtual Library (NC LIVE) - additional operating costs:
28 \$500,000

29 e. Department of Community College Office Staff for Technical
30 Assistance to Colleges: \$655,500.

31 (4) \$26,412,094 for improvement and enhancement of instruction and
32 support capabilities. These funds will be used to provide funds for
33 colleges to retain and recruit qualified faculty and the personnel who
34 support them, by providing compensation increases. These funds will
35 be used to address compensation equity issues and to reduce the
36 dependency on part-time faculty and support staff.

37 (5) \$32,000,000 for equipment, renovations, and repairs. These funds will
38 be used to enable colleges to update and add equipment needed to
39 improve instructional quality, initiate new programs, and enhance
40 instructional delivery through equipment replacement and the
41 renovation of facilities:

42 a. Equipment: \$15,500,000

43 b. Repairs and Renovations: \$16,500,000.

- 1 (6) \$2,637,400 for college enhancements. These funds will be used for
2 needs that are not systemwide in nature or purpose such as multicampus
3 funding and the Center for Applied Textile Technology.
4 (7) \$1,269,122 for system support. These funds will be used to procure
5 additional funding on a recurring basis to enable the system office to
6 provide requested services to colleges and to operate the Department of
7 Community Colleges.
8 (8) \$100,000,000 for equipment. These nonrecurring funds will be used to
9 purchase needed equipment for classrooms, shops, laboratories, and
10 high-cost programs, and to enhance instructional support and
11 administrative activities.
12 Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1998.