

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 1754

Short Title: Extra Funding Flexibility/Comm. Coll.

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Sponsors: Representatives Saunders; Wainwright, Morris, and Miller.

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Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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May 25, 2000

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FLEXIBILITY TO COMMUNITY COLLEGES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Section 9.5 of S.L. 1999-237 reads as rewritten:

"Section 9.5. A local community college may use all State funds allocated to it, except for Literacy Funds and Funds for New and Expanding Industries, for any authorized purpose that is consistent with the college's Institutional Effectiveness Plan. Each local community college shall include in its Institutional Effectiveness Plan a section on how funding flexibility allows the college to meet the demands of the local community and to maintain a presence in all previously funded categorical programs.

It shall be the goal of each local community college to increase the average salary of its full-time faculty members to, at a minimum, the average salary of full-time faculty at public two-year institutions in the member states of the Southern Regional Education Board. Each local community college shall set out in its Institutional Effectiveness Plan its efforts to increase faculty and staff salaries and to meet this goal.

The State Board may examine new State Aid allocation options that more closely align the allocation and expenditure of State-appropriated resources.

~~Funds appropriated for salary increases shall be used only for salary increases and necessary employer contributions.~~

1       ~~The General Assembly recognizes that the Community College System has been~~  
2 ~~required to transfer funds from the faculty salary line item in the funding formula during~~  
3 ~~prior fiscal years to make up shortfalls in instructional and administrative support and in~~  
4 ~~other cost items. To enable the Community College System to pay respectable faculty~~  
5 ~~salaries and at the same time maintain the quality of the instructional programs, the~~  
6 ~~General Assembly is providing an additional eight million dollars (\$8,000,000) in~~  
7 ~~expansion funds for instructional and administrative support and an additional ten million~~  
8 ~~dollars (\$10,000,000) in expansion funds for other cost items. It is the intent of the~~  
9 ~~General Assembly that no transfers be made from the formula salary line item and that~~  
10 ~~faculty salary funds be used to enhance full-time and part-time faculty salaries and, where~~  
11 ~~appropriate, to move part-time faculty members to full-time faculty status. Therefore,~~  
12 ~~transfers made in college budgets from faculty salaries to other purposes shall be made~~  
13 ~~only after public notice and notice to the faculty. No more than two percent (2%)~~  
14 ~~systemwide may be transferred from faculty salaries without the approval of the State~~  
15 ~~Board of Community Colleges. The State Board shall report on any such transfers above~~  
16 ~~two percent (2%) systemwide to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental~~  
17 ~~Operations at its next meeting."~~

18               Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2000.