

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE DRH50351-LE-179 (2/11)

Short Title: Multicampus Comm. Coll. Funding Formula. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Yongue, Sauls, and Carney (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1
2 AN ACT TO MODIFY THE FUNDING FORMULA FOR MULTICAMPUS
3 COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THAT
4 PURPOSE.

5 Whereas, the skilled and competent workers produced by the North Carolina
6 System of Community Colleges are essential to economic development in this State;
7 and

8 Whereas, the North Carolina Community Colleges System provides academic
9 and vocational instruction at the high school and college level that these workers
10 require; and

11 Whereas, community college enrollment has increased more than twenty-five
12 percent over the last five years; and

13 Whereas, more than 760,000 North Carolinians are currently enrolled in
14 community colleges; and

15 Whereas, the unemployment rate in North Carolina remains above the
16 national average; and

17 Whereas, many of these unemployed workers require intensive instructional
18 and support services to qualify for new jobs; and

19 Whereas, while community college enrollment has increased dramatically
20 over the past five years, funding per student has decreased; and

21 Whereas, multicampus colleges result in significant cost savings to the State
22 by eliminating duplicative administrative costs; and

23 Whereas, the current level of State funding for multicampus colleges is
24 grossly inadequate to provide essential student services at these colleges. Now,
25 therefore,

26 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

1 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
2 Community Colleges System Office the sum of six million, eight hundred twenty-one
3 thousand two hundred one dollars (\$6,821,201) for the 2004-2005 fiscal year in
4 recurring funds to implement the multicampus funding formula adopted by the State
5 Board of Community Colleges.

6 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly finds that additional data is needed to
7 determine the adequacy of multicampus funds; therefore, multicampus colleges shall
8 report annually, beginning September 1, 2005, to the Community Colleges System
9 Office on all expenditures by line item of funds used to support their multicampuses.
10 The Community Colleges System Office shall report on these expenditures to the
11 Education Appropriation Subcommittees of the House of Representatives and the
12 Senate, the Office of State Budget and Management, and the Fiscal Research Division
13 by October 1 of each year.

14 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2004.