

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2003**

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**HOUSE BILL 1771**

Short Title: Adequate Funds for Comm. College Enrollment. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Baker; and McGee.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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May 31, 2004

1                                   A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT ADEQUATE FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR  
3 COMMUNITY COLLEGE ENROLLMENT INCREASES.

4           Whereas, community college enrollment is funded on the basis of the number  
5 of students attending the prior school year and not the number of students who actually  
6 enroll during the current school year; and

7           Whereas, in the current economy, community colleges across the State are  
8 experiencing significant increases in the enrollment of displaced workers, transitional  
9 workers, and persons entering postsecondary school for the first time in many years; and

10           Whereas, these workers require intensive instructional and support services to  
11 develop the skills and competence they need to find good jobs and be productive  
12 workers; Now, therefore,

13 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

14           **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the  
15 Community Colleges System Office the sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) for the  
16 2004-2005 fiscal year to create a contingency reserve fund for enrollment increases. The  
17 State Board of Community Colleges shall use these funds to increase the FTE allotment  
18 for the spring semester of the 2004-2005 school year at colleges that experience a total  
19 enrollment growth for the fall semester of the 2004-2005 school year of over ten percent  
20 (10%). Each such college shall receive an increase in its FTE allotment for the spring  
21 semester equal to the amount the enrollment increase exceeded ten percent (10%),  
22 insofar as funds are available within the enrollment reserve.

23           Funds not expended or encumbered for this purpose shall revert to the  
24 General Fund at the end of the 2004-2005 fiscal year.

25           The State Board of Community Colleges shall adopt rules to determine  
26 eligibility for funds from the contingency reserve.

27           **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2004.