

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE DRS75380-LY-295 (3/28)

Short Title: Community College Bonds Matching Requirement. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Rand.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO MEET THE MATCHING REQUIREMENT FOR BOND FUNDS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Section 3(d) of S.L. 2000-3 reads as rewritten:

"Section 3.(d) If the State Board of Community Colleges determines that a community college has not met its matching requirements by July 1, ~~2006,2007~~, with respect to a capital improvement project for which bond proceeds are allocated in this act, the Board shall certify that fact to the State Treasurer by October 1, ~~2006,2007~~. All of these bond proceeds with respect to which the Board certifies that the matching requirement has not been met by July 1, ~~2006,2007~~, shall be placed by the State Treasurer in a special account within the Community Colleges Bond Fund and shall be used for making grants to community colleges. Bond proceeds in the special account shall be allocated among the community colleges in accordance with the following conditions:

- (1) The State Board of Community Colleges shall generate, by October 1, ~~2006,2007~~, a priority ranking of legitimate community college capital improvement needs using a formula based on objective meaningful factors relevant to capital needs, including actual and projected enrollment, space requirements, current capacity, construction costs, and any other factors the State Board considers relevant.
- (2) The State Board of Community Colleges shall provide the State Treasurer a projected allocation of the proceeds in the special account in accordance with this priority ranking, except that:
 - a. No projected allocation shall be made for a community college that the Board certified in accordance with this subsection had failed to meet a matching requirement.

- 1 b. No more than four million dollars (\$4,000,000) shall be
2 allocated to a single community college.
- 3 c. Funds shall not be allocated for more than one project per
4 community college.
- 5 (3) The proceeds of grants made from bond proceeds in the special
6 account shall be allocated and expended for paying the cost of
7 community college capital improvements in accordance with this
8 allocation by the State Board of Community Colleges, to the extent
9 and as provided in this act. The Director of the Budget is empowered,
10 when the Director of the Budget determines it is in the best interest of
11 the State and the North Carolina Community College System to do so,
12 and if the cost of a particular project is less than the projected
13 allocation, to use the excess funds to increase the size of that project or
14 increase the size of any other project itemized in this section, or to
15 increase the amount allocated to a particular community college within
16 the aggregate amount of funds available under this section. The
17 Director of the Budget shall consult with the Advisory Budget
18 Commission and the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental
19 Operations before making these changes."
20 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.