

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE BILL 1394\***

Short Title: Repeal Comm. Coll. Massage Prog. Exempt/Study. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senator Lucas.

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Referred to: Health Care.

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1                                   A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT REPEALING THE LAW THAT EXEMPTS COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
3 MASSAGE AND BODYWORK THERAPY PROGRAMS FROM LICENSURE  
4 BY THE NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF MASSAGE AND BODYWORK  
5 THERAPY AND AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
6 COMMISSION TO STUDY AND EXAMINE ANY CONFLICTS THAT EXIST  
7 BETWEEN THE BOARD AND THE NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY  
8 COLLEGE SYSTEM.

9 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

10           **SECTION 1.** Section 8.15 of S.L. 2005-276 is repealed.

11           **SECTION 2.** The Legislative Research Commission is authorized to study  
12 the relationship between the North Carolina Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy  
13 and the North Carolina Community College System and to make recommendations that  
14 may resolve any conflicts that exist between the Board and the Community College  
15 System.

16           **SECTION 3.** In conducting the study, the Commission may consider the  
17 following:

- 18           (1) The nature of any conflicts or complaints that exist between the North  
19 Carolina Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy and the North  
20 Carolina Community College System and the reasons why the  
21 conflicts or complaints exist.
- 22           (2) The criteria the Board uses to approve massage and bodywork therapy  
23 programs, specifically those programs within the community college  
24 system.
- 25           (3) The manner in which the Board executes its duties with respect to  
26 approving massage and bodywork therapy programs.
- 27           (4) Any other information the Commission deems relevant.

28           **SECTION 4.** The Legislative Research Commission shall make a final  
29 report of its findings and recommendations to the 2007 General Assembly.

1           **SECTION 5.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the General  
2 Assembly the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year to  
3 be allocated to the Legislative Research Commission for the purpose of conducting the  
4 study provided for in this act.

5           **SECTION 6.** This act is effective when it becomes law.