GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2023

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SENATE BILL 692

	Short Title:	Community College Governance.	(Public)
	Sponsors:	Senators Galey, Johnson, and McInnis (Primary Sponsors).	
	Referred to:	Education/Higher Education	
		April 10, 2023	
1		A BILL TO BE ENTITLED	
2	AN ACT TO	CLARIFY THE AUTHORITY OF THE PRESIDENT OF TH	E COMMUNITY
3		ES SYSTEM, TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE APPOINT	
4		BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND LOCAI	
5	TRUSTE	ES, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES TO STATUT	ES GOVERNING
6	COMMU	NITY COLLEGES.	
7	The General A	Assembly of North Carolina enacts:	
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9	PART I. CL	ARIFYING THE AUTHORITY OF THE PRESIDENT	
10	SI	ECTION 1.(a) Chapter 115D of the General Statutes reads as re	written:
11		"Chapter 115D.	
12		"Community Colleges.	
13		"Article 1.	
14		"General Provisions for State Administration.	
15		Statement of purpose.	
16		he purposes of this Chapter are to provide for the establishment,	
17		n of a system of educational institutions throughout the State of	
18		one or more of the general areas of two-year college parallel, tec	
19	and adult education programs, to serve as a legislative charter for such institutions, and to		
20	authorize the levying of local taxes and the issuing of local bonds for the support thereof. The		
21	major purpose of each and every institution operating under the provisions of this Chapter shall		
22		continue to be the offering of vocational and technical education	-
23	-	n school level, academic education needed in order to profit fro	
24		acation, for students who are high school graduates or who	
25	- ·	ge limit of the public school system and who have left the public	
26	-	any age committed to the Division of Juvenile Justice of the Dep	=
27		court of competent jurisdiction may, if approved by the dire	
28		center to which they are assigned, take courses offered by institu	tions of the system
29	•	nerwise qualified for admission.	
30		he President of the North Carolina Community Colleges System	
31		e officer and have executive authority over the Community Colleg	
32		nity Colleges System Office is designated as the primary lead age	
33		evelopment training, adult literacy training, and adult education	n programs in the
34	State.		
35	 "8 11 <i>5</i> D 3 T	Definitions	
36	"§ 115D-2. I	Jenniuons.	



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1	As used in th	is Chapter:	
2 3 4	(1)	The "administrative area" of an institution comprises directly responsible for the local financial support and such institution as provided in this Chapter.	-
5	(2)	The term "community college" is defined as an	educational institution
6		operating under the provisions of this Chapter and de	
7		educational needs of the service area which it serv	ves, and may offer <u>the</u>
8		<u>following:</u>	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
9 10		a. The freshmen and sophomore courses of a colle authorized by G.S. 115D-4.1;G.S. 115D-4.1.	ege of arts and sciences,
10		b. Organized credit curricula for the training of	² technicians: curricular
12		courses may carry transfer credit to a senio	
13		where the course is comparable in conten	
14		appropriate to a chosen course of study;study.	
15		c. Vocational, trade, and technical specialty of	courses and programs,
16		andprograms.	
17 18	(2)	d. Courses in general adult education. The term "institution" refers to any institution estab	lished pursuant to this
18 19	(3)	Chapter.	bisited pursuant to this
20	<u>(3a)</u>	The term "President" refers to the President of the Nor	th Carolina Community
21	<u>(34)</u>	Colleges System.	
22	(4)	The term "regional institution" means an institution	whose service area as
23		assigned by the State Board of Community Colleges	includes three or more
24		counties; provided, however, any institution receivi	0
25		institution on May 1, 1987, shall continue to receive f	
26	(5)	The term "State Board" refers to the State Board of Co	
27 28	(6)	The "tax-levying authority" of an institution is the boat the county or all of the boards of commissioners of the	
28 29		constitute the administrative area of the institution.	counties, jointry, which
30	(7)	Repealed by Session Laws 1987, c. 564, s. 1.	
31	(8)	"Vending facilities" has the same meaning as it does	s in G.S. 111-42(d), but
32		also means any mechanical or electronic device dispen	
33		of value or entertainment or services for a fee, regard	rdless of the method of
34		activation, and regardless of the means of payment, wh	nether by coin, currency,
35		tokens, or other means.	
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37	-	President: Community Colleges System Office;	staff; reorganization
38 39		wity.<mark>Office.</mark> Community Colleges System Office shall be a p	rincipal administrative
40		ate government under the direction of the State Board of	-
41		all be separate from the free public school system of the	
42		d the Department of Public Instruction. The State Board	
43		thas the authority to administer all policies, regulations	• •
44	deems-necessary	for the operation of the System Office.	
45		Subject to confirmation by the General Assembly	
46		he State Board shall elect a President of the Nort	
47 49		eges <u>System</u> who shall serve as chief administrative of	•
48 49		Office. <u>The State Board shall use the following process</u> At least three final candidates shall be submitted to the	
49 50	<u>(1)</u>	which the full State Board shall make its election.	ie iun state Doard moni
50		which the run State Doard shall make its cicculon.	

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1	(2) The State Board shall conduct a vote on the election of the I	President, and the
2	candidate who receives a majority of votes of the entire Sta	
3	elected President.	
4	(a2) The compensation of this position the President shall be fixed by the	State Board from
5	funds provided by the General Assembly in the Current Operations Appropriat	
6	(a3) The President shall be assisted by such professional staff members a	is may be deemed
7	necessary to carry out the provisions of this Chapter, who shall be elected by the	ne State Board on
8	nomination of the President. The compensation of the staff members elected b	y the Board shall
9	be fixed by the State Board of Community Colleges, upon recommendation of	f the President of
10	the Community College System, from funds provided in the Current Operation	ns Appropriations
11	Act. These staff members shall include such officers as may be deemed desirable	e by the President
12	and State Board. Provision shall be made for persons of high competence and st	• •
13	experience in such areas as academic affairs, public service programs, busin	
14	affairs, institutional studies and long-range planning, student affairs, resear	
15	health affairs and institutional development, and for State and federal programs	•
16	the State Board. In addition, the President shall be assisted by such other emp	• •
17	needed to carry out the provisions of this Chapter, who shall be subject to	
18	Chapter 126 of the General Statutes. The staff complement shall be established by	
19	on recommendation of the President to insure that there are persons on the st	
20	professional competence and experience to carry out the duties assigned and to	
21	are persons on the staff who are familiar with the problems and capabilities of a	
22	types of institutions represented in the system. The State Board of Communi	
23 24	have all other powers, duties, and responsibilities delegated to the State Bo	
24 25	affecting the Community Colleges System Office not otherwise stated in this C(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the President may reorg	1
23 26	(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the President may reorg Office in accordance with recommendations and plans submitted to and approx	
20 27	Board of Community Colleges. If a reorganization is implemented pursuant to	
28	including any movement of positions and funds between fund codes on a red	
20 29	President shall report by June 30 of the fiscal year in which the reorganizatio	-
30	Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee and the Fiscal Research	
31	General Assembly.	Division of the
32	(c) The President shall receive General Fund appropriations made	by the General
33	Assembly for continuing operations of the North Carolina System of Commun	
34	are administered by the President and the President's staff complement establ	
35	subsection (a3) of this section in the form of a single sum to Budget Code 10	
36	1100 of the North Carolina System of Community Colleges. Notwithstanding G	
37	G.S. 120-76(8), the President may expend these General Fund monies in the n	nanner deemed to
38	be calculated to maintain and advance the programs and services of the Con-	mmunity College
39	System Office, consistent with the directives and policies of the State Board.	
40	(d) The President, with the approval of the State Board, may appoint adv	visory committees
41	as are deemed necessary or desirable.	
42	(e) The President is encouraged to meet with the Superintendent of Publ	ic Instruction and
43	the President of The University of North Carolina at least once a year to dis	scuss educational
44	matters of mutual interest and to recommend to the respective Boards policies	to encourage the
45	improvement of public education at every level in the State.	
46	(f) Any report established pursuant to this Chapter or any other law	
47	General Assembly required to be submitted by the Community College System	
48	approved by the President. Any report approved by the President shall not	be subject to the
49	approval of the State Board.	
50	" <u>§ 115D-3.1. General Assembly confirmation of the President.</u>	

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1	(a)	The S	state Board shall submit the name of the person elect	ed as President for
2			he presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Re	
3			y on or before the fifteenth day following the election. Th	
4			nt resolution to either (i) confirm or (ii) deny confirma	
5	following:	•		<u>,</u>
6	<u></u>	(1)	The person elected by the State Board shall not serve a	s President but may
7		<u> </u>	serve as interim-President until the General Assem	
8			resolution.	<u>/p j</u>
9		<u>(2)</u>	If the General Assembly fails to adopt a joint resolution co	onfirming the person
10		<u></u>	by the date that either chamber reaches the thirtieth legis	
11			the receipt of the name by the presiding officers, it shall	
12			General Assembly has denied confirmation.	
13	<u>(b)</u>	A per	son denied confirmation shall not serve as President or inte	erim-President.
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15	"§ 115D-	4.1.	College transfer program approval; standards for	programs; annual
16			ting requirements.	
17	(a)		led by Session Laws 1995, c. 288, s. 1, effective September	
18	(b)		tate Board of Community Colleges may approve the add	
19	-	-	to a community college. If addition of the college tran	1 0
20			require a substantial increase in funds, State Board approv	al shall be subject to
21			unds by the General Assembly for this purpose.	
22	(c)		on of the college transfer program shall not decrease an in	
23		-	within its basic mission of vocational and technical training	g and basic academic
24	education.			
25	(d)		tate Board of Community Colleges shall develop appr	1
26 27		-	ate the addition of the college transfer program to instituti	
27	(e)		tate Board of Community Colleges shall develop appr	opriate criteria and
28 29	(f)	0	ate the operation of college transfer programs.	chall report to each
29 30			oard of Governors of The University of North Carolina ge and to the State Board of Community Colleges Commu	_
31			unce with G.S. 116-11(10b) on the academic performance	
32			students. If the State Board of Community Colleges find	
33	-		eports and determine if college transfer students from a co	
34			performing adequately at a four-year college, the Board co	
35			ommunity college's program and determine what steps are	
36			President shall report to the State Board on the reports re	• •
37	-		remedy the problems. The State Board shall ensure that the	-
38			commended by the President to remedy the problems. The	
39		-	the General Assembly on the reports it receives received a	
40	it each col	<u>lege</u> is	taking to remedy problems that it finds.identified by the Pr	resident.
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42	"§ 115D-:	5. Ac	lministration of institutions by State Board of Con	nmunity Colleges;
43		perso	nnel exempt from North Carolina Human Resource	ces Act; extension
44		cours	es; tuition waiver; in-plant training; contracting, etc.	, for establishment
45			peration of extension units of the community college sys	tem; use of existing
46			e school facilities.	
47	(a)		tate Board of Community Colleges may adopt and the Pre-	
48	-		gulations and standards concerning the establishment,	
49 50	-		itutions as the State Board may deem necessary to in	
50			rams, to promote the systematic meeting of educational ne	
51	to provide	for the	equitable distribution of State and federal funds to the sev	eral institutions.

1 The State Board of Community Colleges shall establish standards and scales for salaries and 2 allotments paid from funds administered by the State Board, and all employees of the institutions 3 shall be exempt from the provisions of the North Carolina Human Resources Act. Any and all salary caps set by the State Board for community college presidents shall apply only to the 4 5 State-paid portion of the salary. Except as otherwise provided by law, the employer contribution 6 rate on the local-paid portion of the salary, to be paid from local funds, shall be set by the State 7 Treasurer based on actuarial recommendations. The State Board shall have authority with respect 8 to individual institutions: to approve sites, capital improvement projects, budgets; to approve the 9 selection of the chief administrative officer; officer upon recommendation of the President in 10 accordance with G.S. 115D-6.1; to establish and administer standards for professional personnel, 11 curricula, admissions, and graduation; to regulate the awarding of degrees, diplomas, and 12 certificates; to establish and regulate student tuition and fees within policies for tuition and fees 13 established by the General Assembly; and to establish and regulate financial accounting 14 procedures. 15 The State Board of Community Colleges shall require all community colleges to meet the 16 faculty credential requirements of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools for all 17 community college programs. 18 19 No course of instruction shall be offered by any community college at State expense (b3) 20 or partial State expense without the approval of the State Board of Community Colleges upon 21 recommendation of the President. 22 (c) No course of instruction shall be offered by any community college at State expense 23 or partial State expense to any captive or co-opted group of students, as defined by the State 24 Board of Community Colleges, without prior approval of the State Board of Community 25 Colleges. All course offerings approved for State prison inmates or prisoners in local jails must 26 be tied to clearly identified job skills, transition needs, or both. Approval by the State Board of 27 Community Colleges shall be presumed to constitute approval of both the course and the group 28 served by that institution. The State Board of Community Colleges may delegate to the President 29 the power to shall make an initial approval, with final approval to be made by the State Board of 30 Community Colleges. A course taught without such approval will not yield any full-time 31 equivalent students, as defined by the State Board of Community Colleges. 32 33 (f) A community college may shall not offer a new program without the approval of the 34 State Board of Community Colleges except that approval shall not be required if upon 35 recommendation of the President unless the tuition for the program will fully cover the cost of 36 the program. If at any time tuition fails to fully cover the cost of a program that falls under the 37 exception, the program shall be discontinued unless approved by the State Board of Community 38 Colleges. Colleges upon recommendation of the President. If a proposed new program would 39 serve more than one community college, the State Board of Community Colleges President shall 40 perform a feasibility study prior to the State Board acting on the proposal. The State Board of Community Colleges President shall consider whether a regional approach can be used when 41 42 developing new programs and, to the extent possible, shall recommend that the State Board 43 initiate new programs on a regional basis. 44 The State Board of Community Colleges President shall collect data and report to the State 45 Board on an annual basis on all new programs and program terminations it approved and any 46 regionalization of programs during the year, including the specific reasons for which each 47 program was terminated or approved.

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49 (j) The State Board of Community Colleges shall use its Board Reserve Fund shall be
 50 used for feasibility studies, pilot projects, start-up of new programs, and innovative ideas.

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1	(m) The State Board of Community Colleges shall maintain an accountability function
2	that conducts and shall require the President to conduct periodic reviews of each community
23	college operating under the provisions of this Chapter. The purpose of the compliance review
4	shall be to ensure that (i) data used to allocate State funds among community colleges is reported
5	accurately to the System Office and (ii) community colleges are charging and waiving tuition
6	and registration fees consistent with law. The State Board of Community Colleges shall require
7	the use of a statistically valid sample size in performing compliance reviews of community
8	colleges. All compliance review findings that are determined to be material shall be forwarded
9	to the college president, local college board of trustees, the State Board of Community Colleges,
10	and the State Auditor. The State Board of Community Colleges shall adopt rules governing the
11	frequency, scope, and standard of materiality for compliance reviews.
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13	(p) The North Carolina Community College System may offer courses, in accordance
14	with Article 17D of Subchapter V of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes, to individuals who
15	choose to enter the teaching profession through residency licensure.
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17	(v) Community colleges may teach curriculum courses at any time during the year,
18	including the summer term. Student membership hours from these courses shall be counted when
19	computing full-time equivalent students (FTE) for use in budget funding formulas at the State
20	level.
21	(w) The State Board of Community Colleges President shall review, at least every five
22	years, service areas that include counties assigned to more than one community college to
23	determine the feasibility of continuing to assign those counties to more than one community
24	college. The President shall recommend to the State Board any revisions and the State Board
25	shall revise service areas as needed to ensure that counties are served effectively. The first review
26	and any revisions shall be completed no later than March 1, 2016, and the State Board
27	Community College System Office shall report its-the findings and any revisions to the Joint
28	Legislative Education Oversight Committee no later than March 1, 2016. All subsequent reviews
29	and revisions shall also be submitted to the Committee. 1 in any year revisions are made.
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31	" <u>§ 115D-5.3. Courses offered by colleges.</u>
32	(a) Community colleges may offer courses, in accordance with Article 17D of
33	Subchapter V of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes, to individuals who choose to enter the
34	teaching profession through residency licensure.
35	(b) Community colleges may offer the Motorcycle Safety Instruction Program
36	established by Article 6A of this Chapter.
37	(c) Community colleges may teach curriculum courses at any time during the year,
38	including the summer term. Student membership hours from these courses shall be counted when
39	computing full-time equivalent students (FTE) for use in budget funding formulas at the State
40	level.
41	"§ 115D-6. Withdrawal of State support.
42	The State Board of Community Colleges may withdraw or withhold State financial and
43	administrative support of any institutions subject to the provisions of this Chapter in the event
44	that:that the President finds that any of the following conditions are met:
44 45	(1) The required local financial support of an institution is not provided; provided.
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48 49	standards of administration or instruction; or instruction.
49 50	(4) Local educational needs for such an institution cease to exist.

50 "<u>§ 115D-6.1. College president contracts and approval.</u>

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1	(a) The State Board shall develop mandatory contract terms that board	ards of trustees of
2	community colleges shall use when electing a president or chief administrativ	
3	to G.S. 115D-20. The contract terms shall include the following:	
4	(1) A contract term of between one and four years.	
5	(2) A requirement that the President review each contract or co	ntract renewal and
6	make a recommendation to the State Board for approval or	disapproval.
7	(3) A requirement that the contract or contract renewal is unen	
8	is approved by the State Board.	
9	(4) A list of causes for dismissal and termination of the contr	act. This list shall
10	include a provision allowing for the President to dismiss the	president or chief
11	administrative officer.	-
12	(5) <u>A prohibition on additional financial compensation to the</u>	president or chief
13	administrative officer when dismissed for causes included	in the contracts, as
14	required by subdivision (4) of this subsection.	
15	(6) Any other provisions deemed necessary by the State Board	<u>.</u>
16	(b) Each local board of trustees shall submit the name of the person el	lected as president
17	or chief administrative officer of the institution under G.S. 115D-20(1) to the	ne State Board for
18	approval. The President shall conduct a review of the person elected and the	e local board shall
19	submit any information requested by the President about the person's q	ualifications. The
20	President shall make a recommendation to approve or deny approval to the S	State Board within
21	30 days of receipt of the name. The State Board shall act upon the recom	mendation of the
22	President at the next meeting of the Board following receipt of the recomme	ndation. A person
23	denied approval shall not serve as president of the institution.	
24	"§ 115D-6.5. Notice of noncompliance; appointment of an interim board	of trustees.
25	(a) Notice. – The State Board of Community Colleges is responsible	e for assuring that
26	boards of trustees of the community colleges comply with applicable State law	s, rules, and sound
27	fiscal and management practices, as defined in State Board policy. In addit	ion to any actions
28	taken by the State Board under G.S. 115D-6(3), G.S. 115D-6, if the State Board	rd President finds ure and the second s
29	that a board of trustees of a community college has willfully, or as a result of	gross negligence,
30	failed to or refused to comply with applicable State laws, rules, and sound fisca	
31	practices, the the President shall report those findings to the State Board. The	<u>State Board shall</u>
32	review the President's findings and may issue a written notice to the board of	trustees of its the
33	findings and direct the board of trustees to take remedial action immediately	y to address those
34	findings upon receipt of the notice. If the State Board finds the college nee	ds assistance with
35	taking remedial action, the State Board may also appoint an advisory com	mittee to provide
36	support and recommendations to the college. At a minimum, the advisory comm	
37	of representatives of the State Board of Community Colleges, the President, t	
38	Association of Community College Trustees, the North Carolina Association	-
39	College Presidents, and the System Office, and each party shall appoint its re-	-
40	advisory committee. The President, or his or her representative, shall be the ch	<u>air of the advisory</u>
41	<u>committee.</u>	
42	(b) Resolution. – If, after receipt of the notice issued under subsection	
43	the President finds that a board of trustees willfully, or as a result of gross neg	
44	refusing or failing to comply with the State laws, rules, or sound fiscal and man	
45	identified in the notice, the State Board of Community Colleges may adopt	-
46	approval of at least two-thirds of the members of the State Board attending the	-
47	the resolution is considered, to vacate the terms of the leadership of the be	
48	include, but not limited to, chair and vice-chair. The respective appointing	
49	appoint trustees to fulfill the vacated terms and shall not appoint members	
50	vacated pursuant to this section. If, after the removal of the leadership of the	
51	the President finds that a board of trustees willfully, or as a result of gross neg	ligence, persists in

1	refusing or fail	ing to comply with the State laws, rules, or sound fiscal and management practices		
2	identified in the notice, the State Board of Community Colleges may adopt a resolution, upon			
3	approval of at least two-thirds of the members of the State Board attending the meeting in which			
4		is considered to vacate the terms of the full board of trustees. Prior to adopting		
5		on, the State Board shall consult with the appointing authorities of the board of		
6		ustees, representatives of the North Carolina Association of Community College		
7		he North Carolina Association of Community College Presidents Presidents, and		
8		egarding the proposed resolution. The State Board shall only exercise this authority		
9		linary remedy utilized in the most extreme circumstances and after all of the		
10		ediation actions have been taken without correction of the identified problems:		
11	(1)	The State Board has clearly delineated the failures to comply with applicable		
12	(1)	State laws, rules, or sound fiscal and management practices.		
13	(2)	The advisory committee appointed consistent with subsection (a) of this		
14	(2)	section has met with the <u>President president of the college</u> and the local board		
15		of trustees to discuss the problems in question and to assist the community		
16		college in question to resolve them.		
17	(3)	The State Board has vacated the terms of the leadership of the board of		
18	(5)	trustees, but the identified problems continue to persist.		
19	(4)	The State Board has issued a final warning providing the college with a		
20		deadline to resolve the identified problems.		
20		deadnine to resolve the identified problems.		
22	 "8 115D-9.]	Powers of State Board and President regarding certain fee negotiations,		
23		tracts, and capital improvements.		
24		e expenditures of any State funds for any capital improvements of existing		
25		all be subject to the prior approval of the State Board of Community Colleges and		
26	the Governor. The expenditure of State funds at any institution herein authorized to be approved			
27	by the State Board under G.S. 115D-4 shall be subject to the terms of the State Budget Act unless			
28	specifically otherwise provided in this Chapter.			
29	(b) Notwithstanding G.S. 143-341(3), the State Board of Community Colleges President			
30		bect to design, construction, repair, or renovation of buildings, utilities, and other		
31	State-funded p	roperty developments of the North Carolina Community College System requiring		
32	the estimated e	expenditure of public money of four million dollars (\$4,000,000) or less:		
33		Conduct the fee negotiations for all design contracts and supervise the letting		
34		of all construction and design contracts.		
35	(2)	Develop procedures governing the responsibilities of the North Carolina		
36		Community College System and its community colleges to perform the duties		
37		of the Department of Administration and the Director or Office of State		
38		Construction under G.S. 133-1.1(d) and G.S. 143-341(3).		
39	(3)	Use existing plans and specifications for construction projects, where feasible.		
40		Prior to designing a project, the State Board President shall consult with the		
41		Department of Administration on the availability of existing plans and		
42		specifications and the feasibility of using them for a project.		
43	(c) The	e State Board President may delegate its authority under subsection (b) of this		
44	section to a community college if the community college is qualified under guidelines adopted			
45	by the State Bo	pard.		
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47		e provisions of G.S. 143-341(3) shall not apply to a capital improvement project		
48		on-State funds or for projects less than two million dollars (\$2,000,000) that have		
49	been delegated pursuant to subsection (c) of this section if the State Board of Community			
50	Colleges President determines that the college has the expertise necessary to manage the project			
51	unless the assistance of the Office of State Construction is requested.			

General Assembly Of North Carolina Session 2023 "§ 115D-10. Limitation on judicial review of State Board and President actions. 1 2 State Board and President actions affecting a local board of trustees or president of an 3 institution under any of the following statutes are not subject to judicial review: 4 G.S. 115D-6. (1)5 (2)G.S. 115D-6.1. 6 G.S. 115D-6.5. (3) 7 G.S. 115D-19. (4) 8 (5) G.S. 115D-19.1. 9 "Article 1A. 10 "ApprenticeshipNC. 11 "§ 115D-11.6. Apprenticeship Council. 12 13 The State Board of Community Colleges shall appoint an Apprenticeship Council composed of four representatives each from employer and employee organizations respectively and three 14 representatives from the public at large. One State official designated by the Department of 15 Public Instruction and one State official designated by the Department of Commerce shall be a 16 17 member ex officio of the council, without vote. The terms of office of the members of the 18 Apprenticeship Council shall be designated by the State Board. Any member appointed to fill a 19 vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term of his or her predecessor shall be appointed 20 for the remainder of the term. Each member of the Council not otherwise compensated by public 21 moneys, shall be reimbursed for transportation and shall receive such per diem compensation as 22 is provided generally for boards and commissions under the biennial maintenance appropriation 23 acts for each day spent in attendance at meetings of the Apprenticeship Council. The State Board 24 of Community Colleges shall annually appoint one member of the Council to act as its chair. 25 The Apprenticeship Council shall meet at the call of the State Board of Community Colleges 26 and shall aid the State Board and the Community Colleges System Office President in 27 formulating policies for the effective administration of this Article. The Apprenticeship Council 28 shall establish standards for apprentice agreements which in no case shall be lower than those 29 prescribed by this Article, shall recommend rules and regulations to the State Board of 30 Community Colleges as may be necessary to carry out the intent and purposes of this Article, 31 and shall perform other functions as the State Board of Community Colleges may direct. No later 32 than September 1 of each year the Apprenticeship Council shall make a report through the 33 Community Colleges System Office of its activities and findings to the public and to the Joint 34 Legislative Education Oversight Committee, the chairs of the Senate Appropriations Committee 35 on Education/Higher Education, and the chairs of the House of Representatives Appropriations 36 Committee on Education. 37 . . . 38 "Article 2. 39 "Local Administration. 40 41 "§ 115D-15. Sale, exchange or lease of property; use of proceeds from donated property. 42 The board of trustees of any institution organized under this Chapter may, with the (a) 43 prior approval of the North Carolina Community Colleges System Office, President, convey a 44 right-of-way or easement for highway construction or for utility installations or modifications. 45 When in the opinion of the board of trustees the use of any other real property owned or held by 46 the board of trustees is unnecessary or undesirable for the purposes of the institution, the board 47 of trustees, subject to prior approval of the State Board of Community Colleges, may sell or 48 dispose of the property. For purposes of this section, "dispose" means "lease, exchange, or 49 demolish." The board of trustees may dispose of any personal property owned or held by the board of trustees without approval of the State Board of Community Colleges. Personal property 50 titled to the State Board of Community Colleges consistent with G.S. 115D-14 and 51

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1	G.S. 115D-58.5 may be transferred to another community college at no co	st and without the
2	approval of the Department of Administration, Division of Surplus Property.	
3	Article 12 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes shall apply to the disp	osal or sale of any
4	real or personal property under this subsection. Personal property also may be	•
5	procedures adopted by the North Carolina Department of Administration. Th	1
6	sale or lease shall be used for capital outlay purposes, except as provided in su	1 .
7	section.	
8		
9	"§ 115D-19. Removal of trustees.	
10	(a) <u>Any of the following conduct may result in the removal of a mer</u>	mber of a board of
11	trustees of an institution:	
12	(1) The member is not capable of discharging, or is not discha	rging the duties of
13	his or her office as required by law or regulation.	<u>ignig, the duties of</u>
14	(2) The member is guilty of immoral or disreputable conduct.	
15	(a1) The President shall have the duty to investigate any allegation that	at a member of the
16	board of trustees of an institution is engaging in conduct for which a member	
17	under subsection (a) of this section. If the President determines that there is	
18	that the member has engaged in such conduct, the President shall report his or	
19	State Board.	her mennes to the
20	(a2) Should the State Board of Community Colleges have sufficient	avidance that any
20	member of the board of trustees of an institution is not capable of disc	•
21	discharging, the duties of his office as required by law or lawful regulation, or i	
22	or disreputable conduct, After receipt of a report from the President that a me	
23 24	trustees of an institution is engaging in conduct for which a member may be re	
24 25	Board <u>concurs in the President's findings, the State Board shall notify the chai</u>	
23 26	the board of trustees, unless the chairman chair is the offending member, in w	
20 27	members of the board shall be notified.notified, that the board shall meet	
28	investigating the charges in accordance with subsection (a3) of this section.	tor the purpose of
28 29	(a3) Upon receipt of such notice there shall be a meeting of from the Sta	te Roard the board
30	of trustees shall meet for the purpose of investigating the charges, at charge	
31	<u>meeting</u> , a representative of the State Board of Community Colleges Presid	
32	present evidence of the charges. The allegedly offending member shall be	
33	adequate notice of the meeting and the meeting. The findings of the other me	0 1 1
33 34	of trustees shall be recorded, along with the action taken, in the minutes of the	
35	If the charges <u>against a member</u> are, by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of t	
36	board, found to be true, the board of trustees shall declare the office of the off	
30 37	board, found to be true, the board of trustees shan declare the office of the office o	rending member to
38	(a4) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the authority of	a board of trustage
38 39	to hold a hearing as provided herein and remove a member upon evidence k	
40	to it.	nown or presented
40 41	(b) A board of trustees may declare vacant the office of a member w	the deep not ottend
42	three consecutive, scheduled meetings without justifiable excuse. A board of	
42 43		-
43 44	declare vacant the office of a member who, without justifiable excuse, does no	
44 45	six months of appointment in a trustee orientation and education session spon	-
43 46	Carolina Association of Community College Trustees. The board of truste appropriate appointing authority of any vacancy.	es shan notify the
40 47	"§ 115D-19.1. Removal of president.	
48	(a) A president may be dismissed for any of the causes outlined in the r	mandatory contract
49	terms adopted by the State Board in accordance with G.S. 115D-6.1.	
50	(b) The President shall have the duty to investigate any allegation that	at a president of an
51	institution is engaging in conduct for which a president may be dismissed un	-

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of this section. If	the President determines that there is sufficient evidence that	the president has
	conduct, the President shall notify the chair of the board o	
	e president that the president's contract is terminated.	
	ng in this section shall be construed to limit the authority of a	board of trustees
	and dismiss a president upon evidence known or presented to	
	wers and duties of trustees.	_
The trustees	of each institution shall constitute the local administrative	e board of such
institution, with s	such powers and duties as are provided in this Chapter and as a	re delegated to it
by the State Boar	rd of Community Colleges. The powers and duties of trustees	shall include the
following:		
(1)	To elect a president or chief administrative officer of the ins	stitution for such
	term and under such conditions as the trustees may fix. in	accordance with
	G.S. 115D-6.1. If the board of trustees chooses to use a sear	rch consultant to
	assist with the election process, the board of trustees shall	select the search
	consultant through a competitive request for proposals pr	rocess. A search
	consultant selected pursuant to this subdivision who is collect	ting a fee for the
	consultant's services shall not be (i) an employee of	
	department, or institution, an appointed member of a State	
	board, or an elected official whose responsibilities inclu	0
	budgetary aspects of the Community College System, (i	
	lobbyist principal as defined in G.S. 120C-100, or (ii	
	community college board of trustees association or organization	
	with a search consultant pursuant to this subdivision shall n	•
	Article 3C of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes. The election	
	of a president or chief administrative officer shall be subject	
	of the State Board of Community Colleges. No person president or chief administrative officer until and unless he o	
	by the State Board of Community Colleges upon the recomm	
	President as provided in G.S. 115D-6.1.	
	<u>riesident as provided in 0.5. 1150 0.1.</u>	
	"Article 3.	
	"Financial Support.	
	oviding local public funds for institutions established unde	er this Chapter;
electio		• /
(e) The S	tate Board of Community Colleges President shall ascertain	that authority to
provide adequate	funds for the establishment and operation of an institution ha	is been approved
by the voters of a	a proposed administrative area before favorably recommending	g approval of the
establishment of	an institution.institution and report this information to the Stat	e Board.
	"Article 5.	
	"Special Provisions.	
	istee Association Regions.	
	livided into six Trustee Association Regions as follows:	
U U	The counties of Buncombe, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, C	
•	erson, Jackson, Lincoln, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Polk, Ru	athertord, Swain,
and Transylvania		
U U	ne counties of Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Burke, Cal	
Latawba, Iredell,	Mitchell, Rowan, Surry, Watauga, Wilkes, Yadkin, and Yanc	ey.

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Region 3: The counties of Alamance, Davidson, Caswell, Davie,	Durham, Forsyth, Franklin,
Granville, Guilford, Orange, Person, Randolph, Rockingham, Stokes,	•
Region 4: The counties of Anson, Chatham, Cumberland, Har	
Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Moore, Richmond, Robeson, Scotland,	
Region 5: The counties of Bladen, Brunswick, Carteret, Craven,	•
Jones, Lenoir, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico, Pender, Sampson, ar	· 1 · · ·
Region 6: The counties of Beaufort, Bertie, Camden, Chowan, C	
Gates, Halifax, Hertford, Hyde, Martin, Nash, Northampton, Pas	
Tyrrell, Washington, and Wilson.	1, 1,,
- J, ···	
"Article 6A.	
"Motorcycle Safety Instruction.	
"§ 115D-72. Motorcycle Safety Instruction Program.	
(a) There is created a Motorcycle Safety Instruction Pro	ogram for the purpose of
establishing statewide motorcycle safety instruction to be delivere	0 1 1
Colleges System Office. The Program may be administered by a mo	•
who shall be responsible for the planning, curriculum, and comp	
Program. The State Board of Community Colleges may elect a mo	-
upon nomination of the President of the Community College System	
the motorcycle safety coordinator shall be fixed by the State Board u	
President of the Community College System pursuant to G.S. 11	
Community Colleges may contract with an appropriate public or p	
carry out the duties of the motorcycle safety coordinator.	invate agency of person to
(b) The Motorcycle Safety Instruction Program shall be	implemented through the
Community Colleges System Office at institutions which choose to	1 0
motorcycle safety coordinator shall select and facilitate the tra	· ·
instructors who will implement the Program.	ining and certification of
"Article 7.	
"Miscellaneous Provisions.	
wiscentaleous r tovisions.	
 "§ 115D-79. Open meetings.	
All official meetings of the State Board of Community Colleg	res and of local boards of
trustees shall be open to the public in accordance with the provisions	
143-318.7. G.S. 143-318.9.	01 0.5. 145 510.1 through
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SECTION 1.(b) G.S. 115D-6.1, as enacted by this set	action applies to contracts
entered into or renewed on or after the effective date of this act.	ction, applies to contracts
entered into of renewed on of after the effective date of this act.	
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PART II. CHANGES TO THE MAKEUP OF THE STATE BO	OARD OF COMMUNITY
COLLEGES	
SECTION 2.(a) G.S. 115D-2.2 reads as rewritten:	
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1	(4)	The Governor shall appoint to the State Board four mer	mbers from the State at
2		large and one member from each of the six Trustee	
3		defined in G.S. 115D-62. Each appointment by the G	overnor shall be for a
4		term of four years and until a successor is appointed	ed and qualifies. Any
5		vacancy occurring among the Governor's appointees b	efore the expiration of
6		term shall be filled by appointment of the Governor. T	The member appointed
7		to fill a vacancy shall meet the same residential quali	fication, if any, as the
8 9		vacating member and shall serve for the remainder of that member.	the unexpired term of
10	(5)	The General Assembly shall elect eight 18 members o	f the State Board from
11		the State at large to a term of four years beginning July	1 of an odd-numbered
12		year and until a successor is elected and qualifies. The	
13		members and the House of Representatives shall e	lect four members in
14		accordance with subsection (c) of this section.	
15	(6)	The person serving as president of the North Car	-
16		Community College Student Government Association	
17		member of the State Board. If the president of the As	
18		any reason to serve as the student member of the State	· ·
19		to the constitution of the Association, the vice-presid	
20		shall serve as the student member of the State Board.	• •
21 22		the student member of the State Board must be a student	
22		a North Carolina community college. The student men shall have all the rights and privileges of membership,	
23 24		member shall not have a vote.	except that the student
24 25		member shan not have a vote.	
26	(h) At its	first meeting after July 1 of each odd-numbered year, the	State Board shall elect
27		ship a chair chair, vice-chair, and such other officers as in	
28		state Board of Community Colleges shall meet at stated ti	
29		not less frequently than 10 eight times a year. The State	
30		so meet with the State Board of Education and the Boar	
31	University of No	rth Carolina at least once a year to discuss educational ma	atters of mutual interest
32	and to recomme	nd to the General Assembly such policies as are approp	briate to encourage the
33	improvement of	public education at every level in this State; these joint m	eetings shall be hosted
34	•	rds according to the schedule set out in G.S. 115C-11(b)	· · ·
35		may be set at any regular meeting or may be called by the	5
36	-	nbers of the State Board shall constitute a quorum for the t	ransaction of business.
37	"		•
38		FION 2.(b) G.S. 115D-2.2, as amended by this act, read	s as rewritten:
39 40	"§ 115D-2.2. St	ate Board of Community Colleges.	
40 41	(\mathbf{h}) The \mathbf{G}	teste Doord of Community Colleges shall consist of 21 n	ambara og fallarvar19
41 42	. ,	State Board of Community Colleges shall consist of 21 n I by the General Assembly from the State at large to	
42 43		of an odd-numbered year until a successor is elected and	
44		members and the House of Representatives shall el	-
45		subsection (c) of this section.	leet lille members m
46	(1)	The Lieutenant Governor or the Lieutenant Governor	r's designee shall be a
47	(*/	member ex officio.	
48	(2)	The Treasurer of North Carolina or the Treasurer's desig	gnee shall be a member
49		ex officio.	
50	(3)	The Commissioner of Labor or the Commissioner's	s designee shall be a
51		member ex officio.	-

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1	(5) The General Assembly shall elect eight members of	the State Board from the
2	State at large to a term of four years and until a	successor is elected and
3	qualifies. The Senate shall elect four membe	
4	Representatives shall elect four members in accordar	nce with subsection (c) of
5	this section.	
6	(c) At each session of the General Assembly held in an odd-nu	
7	and the House of Representatives shall elect from a slate of candidates	
8	The slate shall be prepared as provided by resolution in each chamber.	
9 10	nominees who are legally qualified are submitted, then the slate of car twice the number of candidates for the total seats open. All qualified of	
10	against all other qualified candidates. All candidates shall submit a stater	1
11	to the State Ethics Commission for review under G.S. 138A-24.	nent of economic interest
12	(d) When a vacancy occurs among the members elected by t	he two chambers of the
13	General Assembly, occurs, the chair of the State Board shall inform the	
15	elected the vacating member member. The chamber shall elect a person	U U
16	same manner as required for election under subsection (c) of this se	-
17	Assembly next convenes. The election shall be for the remainder of the	
18		•
19	(j) Whenever any vacancy shall occur in the appointed or ele	ected membership of the
20	State Board, the chair shall inform the appropriate appointing or electing	authority of the vacancy.
21	(k) The State Board of Community Colleges may declare	
22	appointed or elected member who does not attend three consecutive sch	-
23	justifiable excuse. The chair of the State Board shall notify the appropria	ate appointing or electing
24	authority chamber that elected the member of any vacancy."	
25	SECTION 2.(c) Notwithstanding G.S. 115D-2.2, as amend	
26	members serving on the State Board as of the effective date of this act s	shall serve the remainder
27 28	of their terms.	nonded by this set the
28 29	SECTION 2.(d) Notwithstanding G.S. 115D-2.2, as an following shall be the terms of office for members elected to terms beg	-
30	(1) The House of Representatives shall elect two members	
31	(1) The Flouse of Representatives shall elect two memory (2) The Senate shall elect three members to two-year ter	•
32	SECTION 2.(e) For elections to terms beginning July 1, 20	
33	thereafter, the following applies:	
34	(1) The House of Representatives shall elect five member	ers to four-year terms.
35	(2) The Senate shall elect five members to four-year terr	-
36	SECTION 2.(f) For elections to terms beginning July 1, 20	027, and every four years
37	thereafter, the following applies:	
38	(1) The House of Representatives shall elect four memb	ers to four-year terms.
39	(2) The Senate shall elect four members to four-year term	
40	SECTION 2.(g) Subsection (b) of this section becomes eff	fective July 1, 2027. The
41	remainder of this section is effective when it becomes law.	
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43	PART III. CHANGES TO THE MAKEUP OF THE LOCAL BOA	RDS OF TRUSTEES
44 45	SECTION 3.(a) G.S. 115D-12 reads as rewritten:	twistood
45 46	"§ 115D-12. Each institution to have board of trustees; selection of	
46 47	(a) Each community college established or operated pursuant governed by a board of trustees consisting of <u>13-12</u> members, or of additi	-
47 48	according to the special procedure prescribed by the third paragraph of t	
40 49	be selected by the following agencies. No member of the General Asso	
49 50	to a local board of trustees for a community college. <u>Board membersh</u>	
50 51	follows:	ng shan oo composed as

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	(1)	Eight trustees appointed by the General Assembly un	der G.S. 120-121. The
		General Assembly shall appoint two members annually	
		appointed upon the recommendation of the Speal	
		Representatives and one member shall be appointed upo	on the recommendation
		of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.	
	(2)	Four trustees elected by the board of commissioners	of the county in which
		the institution is located. If the administrative area	a of the institution is
		composed of two or more counties, the trustees shall b	e elected jointly by the
		boards of commissioners of all of those counties, each	board having one vote
		in the election of each trustee. The county commissi	
		which the community college has established a satellit	e campus may elect an
		additional two members if the board of trustees of t	
		agrees. No more than one trustee elected under this	
		member of a board of county commissioners. If the bo	
		are unable to agree on one or more trustees, the senior	resident superior court
		judge in the superior court district or set of districts d	-
		where the institution is located shall fill the pos	ition or positions by
		appointment.	
Gro	up One-	four trustees, elected by the board of education	of the public school
adminis	trative u	nit located in the administrative area of the institution. If	there are two or more
public s	school ac	lministrative units, whether city or county units, or be	oth, located within the
adminis	trative ar	ea, the trustees shall be elected jointly by all of the board	s of education of those
units, e	ach boar	d having one vote in the election of each trustee, a	except as provided in
G.S. 11	5D-59. N	to board of education shall elect a member of the boar	d of education or any
person	employed	l by the board of education to serve as a trustee, how	ever, any such person
currentl	y serving	on a board of trustees shall be permitted to fulfill the un	nexpired portion of the
	current		
		four trustees, elected by the board of commissioners of t	
		ted. Provided, however, if the administrative area of the	
of two (o r more c	counties, the trustees shall be elected jointly by the board	ls of commissioners of
		s, each board having one vote in the election of each trus	
•		ioners of the county in which the community college has	
		et an additional two members if the board of trustees of t	
		e than one trustee from Group Two may be a member	
		Should the boards of education or the boards of comm	
		on one or more trustees the senior resident superior cour	
		set of districts as defined in G.S. 7A 41.1 where the inst	titution is located shall
-	-	or positions by appointment.	
		four trustees, appointed by the Governor.	
	+	-the president of the student government or the chairman	
		bdy of each community college established pursuant to the	1
ex offic		ting member of the board of trustees of each said institut	
(b)		ustees shall be residents of the administrative area of th	
•		or of counties contiguous thereto with the exception of	members provided for
		of this section, Group Four.to the administrative area.	
(b1)	-	erson who has been employed full time by the commun	
		no spouse or child of a person currently employed full t	ime by the community
-		ve on the board of trustees of that college.	
(c)		ncies occurring in a seat appointed by the General Asse	-
-		<u>120-122.</u> Vacancies occurring in any group for whatever	
by the b	oard of c	county commissioners shall be filled for the remainder of	the unexpired term by

1	the agency or agencies authorized to select trustees of that group and in the manner in which
2	regular selections are made. Should the selection of a trustee not be made by the agency or
3	agencies having the authority to do so within 60 days after the date on which a vacancy occurs,
4	whether by creation or expiration of a term or for any other reason, the Governor shall fill the
5	vacancy by appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term."
6	SECTION 3.(b) Notwithstanding G.S. 115D-12, as amended by this section, the
7	current members serving on a board of trustees of a community college as of the effective date
8	of this act shall serve the remainder of their terms. Thereafter, as terms expire, the members shall
9	be appointed or elected in accordance with G.S. 115D-12, as amended by this section. When a
10	vacancy occurs in a seat that was elected by a local board of education or appointed by the
11	Governor, the vacancy shall be filled as provided in G.S. 120-122 and as follows:
12	(1) If the vacancy occurs in a term expiring in an odd-numbered year, and the
13	General Assembly is not in a regular or extra session at the time of the
14	vacancy, the Governor shall consult with the Speaker of the House of
15	Representatives before making the appointment as required by G.S. 120-122.
16	(2) If the vacancy occurs in a term expiring in an even-numbered year, and the
17	General Assembly is not in a regular or extra session at the time of the
18	vacancy, the Governor shall consult with the President Pro Tempore of the
19	Senate before making the appointment as required by G.S. 120-122.
20	(3) Notwithstanding G.S. 120-122, after receiving the written recommendation
21	for the appointment to fill the vacancy, the Governor shall appoint the person
22	recommended within 30 days and shall not reject the recommendation. Upon
23	the expiration of the term, the seat shall be filled in accordance with
24	G.S. 115D-12, as amended by this section.
25	SECTION 3.(c) The following are repealed:
26	(1) S.L. 1997-12.
27	(2) Section 2 of S.L. 1999-60.
28	(3) Section 2 of S.L. 2011-175.
29	(4) S.L. 2015-12.
30	(5) Section 1 of S.L. 2015-167.
31	(6) S.L. 2015-243.
32	(7) S.L. 2015-252.
33	(8) S.L. 2018-15.
34	(9) S.L. 2020-20.
35	(10) Section 1 of S.L. 2021-52.
36	(11) Section 5 of S.L. 2021-102.
37	(12) S.L. 2022-10.
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39	PART IV. CONFORMING CHANGES
40	SECTION 4. G.S. 116-11(10b) reads as rewritten:
41	"(10b) The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina shall report to
42 43	each community college and to the State Board of Community Colleges
	President of the North Carolina Community Colleges System on the academic
44 45	performance of that community college's transfer students."
43 46	PART V. EFFECTIVE DATE
40 47	SECTION 5. Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes
48	law.
10	