

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2009**

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HOUSE BILL 540

Short Title: Comm. Coll. Child Care Grant Program Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Ross, Dickson (Primary Sponsors); M. Alexander, Carney,
Dockham, Faison, Farmer-Butterfield, Fisher, Harrison, Hughes, Insko, Lucas,
Luebke, McLawhorn, Mobley, Wainwright, and Womble.

Referred to: Appropriations.

March 12, 2009

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
3 CHILD CARE PROGRAM.

4 Whereas, the cost of child care is a significant barrier to many students accessing
5 higher education; and

6 Whereas, many students are in danger of dropping out or not enrolling at all because
7 they cannot afford child care while they are attending classes; and

8 Whereas, to alleviate the problem, the General Assembly has appropriated funds for
9 the Community College Child Care Program; and

10 Whereas, this program provides funding for child care services at each community
11 college to assist student parents enrolled in that community college; and

12 Whereas, funding for this program is very limited and serves only an average of
13 1,100 students a year; and

14 Whereas, approximately 1,800 students remain unserved under the current level of
15 funding; Now, therefore,

16 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

17 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Community
18 Colleges System Office the sum of three million sixty thousand dollars (\$3,060,000) for the
19 2009-2010 fiscal year and the sum of three million sixty thousand dollars (\$3,060,000) for the
20 2010-2011 fiscal year to meet the needs of students who remain unserved by the Community
21 College Child Care Program. These funds are in addition to continuation budget funds
22 appropriated for this program.

23 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2009.

