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**HOUSE BILL 231
Committee Substitute Favorable 7/23/19**

Short Title: NCCC Reorg. Authority & Career Coaches.

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Sponsors:

Referred to:

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO CODIFY THE AUTHORITY OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH
3 CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM TO REORGANIZE THE
4 COMMUNITY COLLEGES SYSTEM OFFICE AND TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE
5 REQUIREMENTS FOR LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA
6 CAREER COACH PROGRAM AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE NORTH
7 CAROLINA CAREER COACH PROGRAM.

8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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10 **PART I. AUTHORIZATION TO REORGANIZE THE NORTH CAROLINA**
11 **COMMUNITY COLLEGES SYSTEM OFFICE**

12 **SECTION 1.(a)** G.S. 115D-3 reads as rewritten:

13 "**§ 115D-3. Community Colleges System Office; ~~staff-staff; reorganization authority.~~**

14 (a) The Community Colleges System Office shall be a principal administrative
15 department of State government under the direction of the State Board of Community Colleges,
16 and shall be separate from the free public school system of the State, the State Board of
17 Education, and the Department of Public Instruction. The State Board has authority to adopt and
18 administer all policies, regulations, and standards which it deems necessary for the operation of
19 the System Office.

20 The State Board shall elect a President of the North Carolina System of Community Colleges
21 who shall serve as chief administrative officer of the Community Colleges System Office. The
22 compensation of this position shall be fixed by the State Board from funds provided by the
23 General Assembly in the Current Operations Appropriations Act.

24 The President shall be assisted by such professional staff members as may be deemed
25 necessary to carry out the provisions of this Chapter, who shall be elected by the State Board on
26 nomination of the President. The compensation of the staff members elected by the Board shall
27 be fixed by the State Board of Community Colleges, upon recommendation of the President of
28 the Community College System, from funds provided in the Current Operations Appropriations
29 Act. These staff members shall include such officers as may be deemed desirable by the President
30 and State Board. Provision shall be made for persons of high competence and strong professional
31 experience in such areas as academic affairs, public service programs, business and financial
32 affairs, institutional studies and long-range planning, student affairs, research, legal affairs,
33 health affairs and institutional development, and for State and federal programs administered by
34 the State Board. In addition, the President shall be assisted by such other employees as may be
35 needed to carry out the provisions of this Chapter, who shall be subject to the provisions of
36 Chapter 126 of the General Statutes. The staff complement shall be established by the State Board



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1 on recommendation of the President to insure that there are persons on the staff who have the
2 professional competence and experience to carry out the duties assigned and to insure that there
3 are persons on the staff who are familiar with the problems and capabilities of all of the principal
4 types of institutions represented in the system. The State Board of Community Colleges shall
5 have all other powers, duties, and responsibilities delegated to the State Board of Education
6 affecting the Community Colleges System Office not otherwise stated in this Chapter.

7 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the President may reorganize the System
8 Office in accordance with recommendations and plans submitted to and approved by the State
9 Board of Community Colleges. If a reorganization is implemented pursuant to this subsection,
10 including any movement of positions and funds between fund codes on a recurring basis, the
11 President shall report by June 30 of the fiscal year in which the reorganization occurred to the
12 Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee and the Fiscal Research Division of the
13 General Assembly."

14 **SECTION 1.(b)** This section is effective when it becomes law.
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16 **PART II. NC CAREER COACHES/LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS**

17 **SECTION 2.(a)** G.S. 115D-21.5(c) reads as rewritten:

18 "(c) Application for NC Career Coach Program Funding. – The board of trustees of a
19 community college and a local board of education of a local school administrative unit within the
20 service area of the community college jointly may apply for available funds for NC Career Coach
21 Program funding from the State Board of Community Colleges. The State Board of Community
22 Colleges shall establish a process for award of funds as follows:

- 23 (1) Advisory committee. – Establishment of an advisory committee, which shall
24 include representatives from the NC Community College System, the
25 Department of Public Instruction, the Department of Commerce, and at least
26 three representatives of the business community, to review applications and
27 make recommendations for funding awards to the State Board.
- 28 (2) Application submission requirements. – The State Board of Community
29 Colleges shall require at least the following:
- 30 a. Evidence of a signed memorandum of understanding that meets, at a
31 minimum, the requirements of this section.
- 32 b. Evidence that the funding request will be matched ~~dollar for dollar~~
33 with local funds. funds in accordance with the following:
- 34 1. Matching funds may come from public or private sources.
- 35 2. The match amount shall be determined based on the
36 development tier designation of the county in which the local
37 school administrative unit is located where the career coach is
38 assigned on the date of the award of funds by the State Board
39 of Community Colleges according to the following:
- 40 I. If located in a tier one county as defined in
41 G.S. 143B-437.08, no local match shall be required.
- 42 II. If located in a tier two county as defined in
43 G.S. 143B-437.08, one dollar (\$1.00) of local funds for
44 every two dollars (\$2.00) in State funds shall be
45 required.
- 46 III. If located in a tier three county as defined in
47 G.S. 143B-437.08, one dollar (\$1.00) of local funds for
48 every one dollar (\$1.00) in State funds shall be
49 required.

- 1 (3) Awards criteria. – The State Board of Community Colleges shall develop
2 criteria for consideration in determining the award of funds that shall include
3 the following:
4 a. Consideration of the workforce needs of business and industry in the
5 region.
6 b. Targeting of resources to enhance ongoing economic activity within
7 the community college service area and surrounding counties.
8 c. Geographic diversity of awards."

9 **SECTION 2.(b)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Community
10 Colleges System Office the sum of one million seven hundred thirty-three thousand four hundred
11 thirteen dollars (\$1,733,413) in recurring funds for the 2019-2020 fiscal year and the sum of an
12 additional five hundred sixty-six thousand five hundred eighty-seven dollars (\$566,587) in
13 recurring funds for the 2020-2021 fiscal year to implement the requirements of subsection (a) of
14 this section and to place additional career coaches employed by local community colleges with
15 partnering high schools.

16 **SECTION 2.(c)** If any provision of this section and G.S. 143C-5-4 are in conflict,
17 the provisions of this section shall prevail.

18 **SECTION 2.(d)** The appropriations and the authorizations to allocate and spend
19 funds which are set out in this section shall remain in effect until the Current Operations
20 Appropriations Act for the applicable fiscal year becomes law, at which time that act shall
21 become effective and shall govern appropriations and expenditures. When the Current
22 Operations Appropriations Act for that fiscal year becomes law, the Director of the Budget shall
23 adjust allotments to give effect to that act from July 1 of the fiscal year.

24 **SECTION 2.(e)** This section becomes effective July 1, 2019.

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26 **PART III. EFFECTIVE DATE**

27 **SECTION 3.** Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes
28 law.