

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2005**

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**SENATE DRS75455-LG-463A\* (04/20)**

Short Title: Pitt & Beaufort County CC Capital Funds. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senator Kerr.

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Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AT PITT  
3 COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND BEAUFORT COUNTY COMMUNITY  
4 COLLEGE.

5       Whereas, the William E. Fulford Building houses the health sciences  
6 technical career programs on the campus of Pitt Community College; and

7       Whereas, Pitt Community College offers many health sciences programs,  
8 including the Associate Degree of Nursing, Respiratory Care Technology, Radiological  
9 Technology, Nuclear Medicine, Cardiovascular and Medical Diagnostic Sonography,  
10 Imaging Technology, Phlebotomy, and Occupational Therapy Assistant; and

11       Whereas, various Pitt County employers, including Pitt County Memorial  
12 Hospital, University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina, Physicians East, and other  
13 local and regional health care providers, have expressed an interest in new and  
14 expanded employment needs for health care professionals; and

15       Whereas, student enrollment has risen substantially in the health sciences  
16 curriculum program at Pitt Community College, rising from 1,100 students in 2001 to  
17 over 1,600 in 2004; and

18       Whereas, an addition to the Fulford Building would help Pitt Community  
19 College meet the demand of its growing health sciences technical career programs; and

20       Whereas, Beaufort County Community College serves a rural, and  
21 historically economically disadvantaged, service area consisting of Beaufort, Hyde,  
22 Tyrrell, and Washington counties; and

23       Whereas, the Wallace-Eakes Building on the campus of Beaufort County  
24 Community College houses services and operations essential to the instruction of and  
25 support for students; and

26       Whereas, among those essential services and operations are the Learning  
27 Resource Center, Student Support Services, Audio Visual/Electronic Distance Learning,

1 and Educational Media/Graphics Services, and Planning and Instructional  
2 Effectiveness; and

3           Whereas, professional assessment has determined significant life-safety and  
4 construction issues exist with the lower level of the Wallace-Eakes Building; and

5           Whereas, complete renovation of the lower level of the Wallace-Eakes  
6 Building will ensure continuation of essential services and operations and a safe and  
7 energy efficient environment; Now, therefore,

8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9           **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the North  
10 Carolina Community Colleges System Office the sum of three million five hundred  
11 thousand dollars (\$3,500,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year to be allocated to Pitt  
12 Community College for partial funding for the expansion of the William E. Fulford  
13 Health Sciences Building, which will be used to help meet the demands of increased  
14 student enrollment in the college's health sciences programs.

15           **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the North  
16 Carolina Community Colleges System Office the sum of two million dollars  
17 (\$2,000,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year to be allocated to Beaufort County  
18 Community College for capital improvements to the Wallace-Eakes Building.

19           **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2006.