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HOUSE BILL 740

Short Title: Facilitate Academic Credit Transfer.

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Sponsors: Representatives Grady; and Sexton.

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Referred to: Education.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO FACILITATE THE TRANSFER OF ACADEMIC CREDIT FROM  
2 COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROGRAMS TO FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE  
3 PROGRAMS.  
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. G.S. 115D-4.1 reads as rewritten:

7 **"§ 115D-4.1. College transfer program ~~approval~~. approval; standards for programs.**

8 (a) ~~Enrollment in the college transfer program of a community college that offered~~  
9 ~~this program before July 1, 1987, shall not exceed its current percent of college transfer~~  
10 ~~enrollment or fifteen percent (15%) of the institution's total budget full-time equivalent~~  
11 ~~students or 132 full-time equivalent students, whichever is greater. The State Board of~~  
12 ~~Community Colleges may, in its own discretion, make exception to this requirement~~  
13 ~~where the inherent market demand of a community causes an institution to exceed the~~  
14 ~~fifteen percent (15%), or its current enrollment percentage.~~

15 (b) The State Board of Community Colleges may approve the addition of the  
16 college transfer program to a community college. If addition of the college transfer  
17 program to an institution would require a substantial increase in funds, State Board  
18 approval shall be subject to appropriation of funds by the General Assembly for this  
19 purpose.

1 (c) Addition of the college transfer program shall not decrease an institution's  
2 ability to provide programs within its basic mission of vocational and technical training  
3 and basic academic education. ~~Enrollment in the college transfer program shall not exceed~~  
4 ~~fifteen percent (15%) of an institution's total budget full-time equivalent students or 132 full-time~~  
5 ~~equivalent students, whichever is greater, in each institution where the college transfer program~~  
6 ~~is added after June 30, 1987; provided, however, the State Board of Community Colleges may,~~  
7 ~~in its own discretion, make exceptions to this requirement where the inherent market demand of a~~  
8 ~~community causes an institution to exceed the fifteen percent (15%).~~

9 (d) The State Board of Community Colleges shall develop appropriate criteria and  
10 standards to regulate the addition of the college transfer program to institutions. ~~The State~~  
11 ~~Board is authorized to apply the criteria and standards for addition of the college transfer~~  
12 ~~program adopted as a proposed rule at its April 9, 1987, meeting until modified through the rule-~~  
13 ~~making process.~~

14 (e) The State Board of Community Colleges shall develop appropriate criteria and  
15 standards to regulate the operation of college transfer programs. The criteria and  
16 standards shall require:

17 (1) All college transfer programs to continue to meet the accreditation  
18 standards of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools,

19 (2) Each community college that offers a college transfer program to have  
20 an articulation agreement with a four-year college or university for the  
21 acceptance of those courses,

22 (3) Each community college that offers a college transfer program to  
23 disclose to students when they register for college transfer courses the  
24 articulation agreements the community college has with a four-year  
25 college or university.

26 The State Board of Community Colleges shall report annually to the General  
27 Assembly on compliance of the community colleges with these criteria and standards.

28 (f) The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina shall report to  
29 each community college and to the State Board of Community Colleges in accordance  
30 with G.S. 116-11(10b) on the academic performance of that community college's transfer  
31 students. If the State Board of Community Colleges finds that college transfer students  
32 from a community college are not consistently performing adequately at a four-year  
33 college, the Board shall review the community college's program and determine what  
34 steps are necessary to remedy the problem. The Board shall report annually to the  
35 General Assembly on the reports it receives and on what steps it is taking to remedy  
36 problems that it finds."

37 Sec. 2. G.S. 115D-5(a) reads as rewritten:

38 "(a) The State Board of Community Colleges may adopt and execute such policies,  
39 regulations and standards concerning the establishment, administration, and operation of  
40 institutions as the State Board may deem necessary to insure the quality of educational  
41 programs, to promote the systematic meeting of educational needs of the State, and to  
42 provide for the equitable distribution of State and federal funds to the several institutions.

1 The State Board of Community Colleges shall establish standards and scales for  
2 salaries and allotments paid from funds administered by the State Board, and all  
3 employees of the institutions shall be exempt from the provisions of the State Personnel  
4 Act. The State Board shall have authority with respect to individual institutions: to  
5 approve sites, buildings, building plans, budgets; to approve the selection of the chief  
6 administrative officer; to establish and administer standards for professional personnel,  
7 curricula, admissions, and graduation; to regulate the awarding of degrees, diplomas, and  
8 certificates; to establish and regulate student tuition and fees within policies for tuition  
9 and fees established by the General Assembly; and to establish and regulate financial  
10 accounting procedures.

11 The State Board of Community Colleges shall require all community colleges to meet  
12 the faculty credential requirements of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools  
13 for all community college programs."

14 Sec. 3. G.S. 116-11 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

15 "(10b) The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina shall  
16 report to each community college and to the State Board of  
17 Community Colleges on the academic performance of that  
18 community college's transfer students."

19 Sec. 4. This act becomes effective September 1, 1995.