

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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CHAPTER 962
HOUSE BILL 569

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR MITCHELL COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

Whereas, the State of North Carolina has adopted the policy of appropriating at least five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) in capital outlay to each community college or technical institute in the public system; and

Whereas, Mitchell Community College, due to its late entry into the system, has received only one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) in State construction funds and less than one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) for instructional equipment, by far the lowest such allocations to any of the other 56 institutions in the system; and

Whereas, Mitchell Community College's enrollment, since joining the public system, has risen from an annual average of 450 to a total of 1,064, almost all of which has been in the technical and vocational programs; and

Whereas, in addition to the original transfer of a physical plant valued at two million dollars (\$2,000,000), the citizens of Iredell County have put up approximately one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) in tax funds to renovate and expand administrative and classroom facilities on the campus; and

Whereas, Mitchell's curriculum is being expanded, with the approval of the State Board of Education and in cooperation with North Carolina State University, to include pre-veterinary training and courses in agricultural sciences; and

Whereas, this expansion in curriculum offerings makes imperative the erection of a basic science building on the campus to house classrooms and suitable laboratory equipment, at an estimated cost of seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000), toward which the county has agreed to appropriate an additional two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000); Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Out of construction funds appropriated to the Department of Community Colleges for fiscal 1977-78, the sum of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) is hereby designated as a State matching grant for capital improvements at Mitchell Community College, Statesville, N.C.

Sec. 2. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This act shall become effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 1st day of July, 1977.