

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1983 SESSION

CHAPTER 1056
HOUSE BILL 1587

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF HEALTH EDUCATION
FACILITIES.

Whereas, the General Assembly of North Carolina finds that it appropriated funds to the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina and that the Board of Governors allocated these capital funds to The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to provide capital grants to the Area Health Education Center Program (AHEC) in order to assist in the construction of educational facilities necessary to carry out the AHEC Program; and

Whereas, the General Assembly finds that the existence of the AHEC facilities and activities remains in the public interest; and

Whereas, the General Assembly further finds it consistent with the legislative intent of its original appropriation to assure the public that the AHEC facilities and activities are maintained on an equivalent basis regardless of hospital ownership or management; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Chapter 131E is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 131E-8.1. **Maintenance of Health Education Facilities.**—(a) This section shall apply to all sales and leases of a hospital facility by a municipality or hospital authority where any portion of the facility was constructed with a capital grant from the Area Health Education Centers Program (AHEC).

(b) The municipality or hospital authority shall give specific notice of intent to sell or lease and of any public hearing to the Director of the local AHEC program and the Director of the AHEC Program at The University of North Carolina School of Medicine at Chapel Hill.

(c) The municipality or hospital authority may provide continued access to the identical or equivalent facilities suitable for continuation of AHEC activities, including all services being provided under the existing operating contract. In the case of a freestanding portion of the hospital facility, the municipality or hospital authority may convey all ownership rights in the facility to the local AHEC program without monetary consideration.

(d) No portion of this section shall be construed to alter rights or obligations of the operating contracts between the hospital facility and AHEC."

Sec. 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1984.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 2nd day of July, 1984.