

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2011

SESSION LAW 2012-31  
HOUSE BILL 7

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM MAY OPT OUT OF PARTICIPATION IN THE WILLIAM D. FORD FEDERAL DIRECT LOAN PROGRAM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 115D-40.1 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 115D-40.1. Financial Assistance for Community College Students.**

...  
(d) Participation in Federal Loan Programs. – All community colleges shall participate in the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan ~~Program~~Program, unless the board of trustees of an institution adopts a resolution declining to participate in the Program. The State Board shall ensure that at least one counselor is available at each college to inform students about federal programs and funds available to assist community college students, including, but not limited to, Pell Grants, HOPE and Lifetime Learning Tax Credits, ~~and~~ and, for participating colleges, the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program, and to actively encourage students to utilize these federal programs and funds. The board of trustees of any institution that has declined to participate in the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program through the adoption of a resolution may rescind the resolution and participate in the Program but shall not have the authority to again decline participation in the Program."

**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2011.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011.

s/ Walter H. Dalton  
President of the Senate

s/ Thom Tillis  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

VETO Beverly E. Perdue  
Governor

Became law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor at 7:35 p.m. this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012.

s/ Sarah Clapp  
Senate Principal Clerk

