

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 1559

Short Title: Children May Attend Comm. Coll.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Perdue.

Referred to: Education/Higher Education.

May 25, 1994

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PERMIT PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN TWELVE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER TO ATTEND COMMUNITY COLLEGE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 115D-20(4) reads as rewritten:

"(4) To apply the standards and requirements for admission and graduation of students and other standards established by the State Board of Community Colleges. Provided, notwithstanding any law or administrative rule to the contrary, local administrative boards and local school boards may establish cooperative programs in the areas they serve to provide for college courses to be offered to qualified high school students with college credits to be awarded to those high school students upon the successful completion of the courses. Provided, further, that during the summer quarter, persons less than 16 years old may be permitted to take noncredit courses on a self-supporting basis, subject to rules of the State Board of Community Colleges. Provided, further, that a public school child 12 years of age or older may attend classes at a community college if the child's parent or guardian, the child's school superintendent and principal, and the chief academic officer of the community college find that the classes are unavailable at the child's public school and the classes are appropriate for the child based on the child's academic readiness to attend the classes, motivation for academic achievement, and level of maturity."

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1 Sec. 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
2 Community Colleges the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the 1994-
3 95 fiscal year to implement the provisions of Section 1 of this act.

4 Sec. 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 1994.