

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 622

Short Title: Comm. Coll. Massage Therapy Programs. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Bordsen, Sauls, Tolson, England (Primary Sponsors);
Farmer-Butterfield and McLawhorn.

Referred to: Education Subcommittee on Community Colleges.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO EXEMPT COMMUNITY COLLEGE MASSAGE AND BODYWORK
3 THERAPY PROGRAMS FROM LICENSURE BY THE NORTH CAROLINA
4 BOARD OF MASSAGE AND BODYWORK THERAPY.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 90-631 reads as rewritten:

7 "**§ 90-631. Massage and bodywork therapy schools.**

8 (a) The Board shall establish rules for the approval of massage and bodywork
9 therapy schools. These rules shall include:

10 (1) Basic curriculum standards that ensure graduates have the education
11 and skills necessary to carry out the safe and effective practice of
12 massage and bodywork therapy.

13 (2) Standards for faculty and learning resources.

14 (3) Requirements for reporting changes in instructional staff and
15 curriculum.

16 (4) A description of the process used by the Board to approve a school.

17 Any school that offers a training program in massage and bodywork therapy may
18 make application for approval to the Board. The Board shall grant approval to schools,
19 whether in this State or another state, that meet the criteria established by the Board.
20 The Board shall maintain a list of approved ~~schools~~ schools and a list of community
21 college programs operating pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

22 (b) A massage and bodywork therapy program operated by a North Carolina
23 community college that is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and
24 Schools is exempt from the approval process, licensure process, or both, established by
25 the Board. The college shall certify annually to the Board that the program meets or
26 exceeds the minimum standards for curriculum, faculty, and learning resources
27 established by the Board. Students who complete the program shall qualify for licenses
28 from the Board as if the program were approved, licensed, or both, by the Board."

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SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.