GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 509*

Short Title:	Allied Health & Science Ctr. Funds.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senator Jacumin.	
Referred to:	Appropriations/Base Budget.	

March 15, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ALLIED HEALTH AND SCIENCE HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER ON THE CAMPUS OF WESTERN PIEDMONT COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

Whereas, Burke County is ranked among the lowest counties in North Carolina for access to advanced higher educational opportunities; and

Whereas, Burke County is located in the largest metropolitan service area currently not served by any public university; and

Whereas, since 2001, the number of individuals employed in the health care field in Burke County has increased by 62%; and

Whereas, to meet the demand for health care professionals in Burke County, courses in allied health and science disciplines are needed for residents in the county and surrounding areas; and

Whereas, plans have been made to construct an Allied Health and Science Higher Education Center on the campus of Western Piedmont Community College to make such courses available; and

Whereas, State funding is needed to make these plans come to fruition; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the North Carolina Community Colleges System Office the sum of six million three hundred thousand dollars ($6,300,000) for the 2005-2006 fiscal year for the construction of an Allied Health and Science Higher Education Center on the campus of Western Piedmont Community College.

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2005.