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SENATE DRS15270-MD-124 (05/14)

Short Title: Community Colleges Can't Admit Illegal Aliens. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Berger of Rockingham.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT ILLEGAL ALIENS FROM ATTENDING NORTH
CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR
THE VERIFICATION OF PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS' IMMIGRATION
STATUS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

"§ 115D-1. Statement of purpose.

The purposes of this Chapter are to provide for the establishment, organization, and administration of a system of educational institutions throughout the State offering courses of instruction in one or more of the general areas of two-year college parallel, technical, vocational, and adult education programs, to serve as a legislative charter for such institutions, and to authorize the levying of local taxes and the issuing of local bonds for the support thereof. The major purpose of each and every institution operating under the provisions of this Chapter shall be and shall continue to be the offering of vocational and technical education and training, and of basic, high school level, academic education needed in order to profit from vocational and technical education, for students who are lawfully present in the United States and who are high school graduates or who are beyond the compulsory age limit of the public school system and who have left the public schools, provided, juveniles of any age committed to the Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention by a court of competent jurisdiction may, if approved by the director of the youth development center to which they are assigned, take courses offered by institutions of the system if they are otherwise qualified for admission.

The Community Colleges System Office is designated as the primary lead agency for delivering workforce development training, adult literacy training, and adult education programs in the State."

1 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 115D-5(a) reads as rewritten:

2 "(a) The State Board of Community Colleges may adopt and execute such
3 policies, regulations and standards concerning the establishment, administration, and
4 operation of institutions as the State Board may deem necessary to insure the quality of
5 educational programs, to promote the systematic meeting of educational needs of the
6 State, and to provide for the equitable distribution of State and federal funds to the
7 several institutions.

8 The State Board of Community Colleges shall establish standards and scales for
9 salaries and allotments paid from funds administered by the State Board, and all
10 employees of the institutions shall be exempt from the provisions of the State Personnel
11 Act. The State Board shall have authority with respect to individual institutions: to
12 approve sites, capital improvement projects, budgets; to approve the selection of the
13 chief administrative officer; to establish and administer standards for professional
14 personnel, curricula, admissions, and graduation; to regulate the awarding of degrees,
15 diplomas, and certificates; to establish and regulate student tuition and fees within
16 policies for tuition and fees established by the General Assembly; and to establish and
17 regulate financial accounting procedures.

18 The State Board of Community Colleges shall require all community colleges to
19 meet the faculty credential requirements of the Southern Association of Colleges and
20 Schools for all community college programs.

21 As of September 1, 2008, the admissions standards of the State Board of Community
22 Colleges and the admissions standards of all local community colleges shall prohibit the
23 admission of persons who are not lawfully present in the United States, except as
24 otherwise required by federal law."

25 **SECTION 3.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
26 Community Colleges System Office the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the
27 2008-2009 fiscal year to assist the community colleges in verifying the immigration
28 status of prospective students.

29 **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2008.