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

Sponsors: Senators Berger of Rockingham; Allran, Bingham, Brock, Brunstetter, Forrester, Hunt, Jacumin, and Smith.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

May 28, 2008

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT ILLEGAL ALIENS FROM ATTENDING NORTH
2 CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR
3 THE VERIFICATION OF PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS' IMMIGRATION
4 STATUS.
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

8 "**§ 115D-1. Statement of purpose.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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