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**SENATE BILL 816
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Short Title: Funds for CC Enrollment Growth/CIHS Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR ENROLLMENT GROWTH AT NORTH
3 CAROLINA'S COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR
4 ADDITIONAL COOPERATIVE INNOVATIVE HIGH SCHOOLS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** Findings. – The General Assembly finds all of the following regarding
7 the role of community colleges in the response of the State to the COVID-19 pandemic:

- 8 (1) The coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic has devastated the
9 economy in North Carolina, caused unprecedented job loss, and significantly
10 disrupted the delivery of education by traditional four-year institutions of
11 higher education.
12 (2) COVID-19 has caused students enrolled in four-year institutions of higher
13 education primarily receiving online instruction to seek less expensive
14 alternatives.
15 (3) North Carolina community colleges can offer courses to students at a
16 significantly lower cost than four-year institutions of higher education.
17 (4) Students who take courses at community colleges can successfully transfer
18 credits to four-year institutions of higher education later in their education
19 pathways and overall have comparably positive educational outcomes to those
20 attending traditional colleges and universities at substantial savings.
21 (5) North Carolina community colleges also offer short-term workforce training
22 courses for unemployed individuals who have lost their jobs due to
23 COVID-19, which is crucial to the recovery of the economy in North Carolina.
24 (6) Enrollment has particularly increased in short-term workforce education due
25 to the growing emphasis of North Carolina's community colleges in meeting
26 the needs of the businesses of the State and people recognizing the value and
27 quality of a community college education.

28 **SECTION 2.** Transfer. – The State Controller shall transfer the sum of forty-one
29 million five hundred thousand dollars (\$41,500,000) from the Coronavirus Relief Reserve
30 established in Section 2.1 of S.L. 2020-4 to the Coronavirus Relief Fund established in Section
31 2.2 of that same act.

32 **SECTION 3.** Appropriation. – There is appropriated from the Coronavirus Relief
33 Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM) the sum of forty-one million five
34 hundred thousand dollars (\$41,500,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2020-2021 fiscal year to



1 be allocated to the Community Colleges System Office for enrollment growth at North Carolina's
2 community colleges.

3 **SECTION 4. Requirements.** – The requirements and limitations set forth in Part I of
4 S.L. 2020-4 shall apply to the funds appropriated by Section 3 of this act. OSBM shall include
5 the funds transferred and appropriated under Sections 2 and 3 of this act in the report required
6 under Section 1.7 of S.L. 2020-4.

7 **SECTION 4A.(a)** Appropriation to the State Public School Fund from the Civil
8 Penalty and Forfeiture Fund. – There is appropriated from the Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund
9 to the State Public School Fund the sum of one million eight hundred eighty thousand dollars
10 (\$1,880,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. By August 15, 2020, the Office
11 of State Budget and Management shall reduce the appropriations to the State Public School Fund
12 from the General Fund by the sum of one million eight hundred eighty thousand dollars
13 (\$1,880,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

14 **SECTION 4A.(b)** Appropriation to the Department of Public Instruction. – From
15 the funds made available pursuant to subsection (a) of this section for the 2020-2021 fiscal year,
16 there is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction the sum of
17 one million eight hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$1,880,000) in nonrecurring funds for the
18 2020-2021 fiscal year to be allocated to local school administrative units in amounts consistent
19 with those set forth in Section 7.22 of S.L. 2017-57 as supplemental funding for the following
20 cooperative innovative high schools for the 2020-2021 school year:

- 21 (1) The Center for Industry, Technology, and Innovation.
- 22 (2) The Innovation Early College High School.
- 23 (3) The Marine Sciences and Technologies Early College High School.
- 24 (4) The Roanoke Rapids Early College High School.
- 25 (5) The Southeast Area Technical High School.
- 26 (6) Halifax Early College High School.
- 27 (7) Stanly STEM Early College High School.
- 28 (8) Gaston Early College of Medical Sciences High School.

29 **SECTION 4A.(c)** Operating Authorization. – For the 2019-2020 school year and for
30 subsequent school years, notwithstanding G.S. 115C-238.51A(c), G.S. 115C-238.54, and any
31 other provision of law, Halifax Early College High School and Stanly STEM Early College High
32 School are permitted to be operating in accordance with G.S. 115C-238.53 and
33 G.S. 115C-238.54 as cooperative innovative high schools approved under G.S. 115C-238.51A(c)
34 and shall be subject to the evaluation requirements of G.S. 115C-238.55. Beginning with the
35 2020-2021 school year and for subsequent school years, Gaston Early College of Medical
36 Sciences High School shall be permitted to operate in accordance with G.S. 115C-238.53 and
37 G.S. 115C-238.54 as a cooperative innovative high school approved under
38 G.S. 115C-238.51A(c) and shall be subject to the evaluation requirements of G.S. 115C-238.55.

39 **SECTION 4A.(d)** State Budget Act Applies. – The provisions of the State Budget
40 Act, Chapter 143C of the General Statutes, are reenacted and shall remain in full force and effect
41 and are incorporated in this act by reference.

42 **SECTION 4A.(e)** Additional Limitations and Directions. – Except where expressly
43 repealed or amended by this act, the provisions of any other legislation enacted during the 2019
44 Regular Session of the General Assembly expressly appropriating funds to an agency, a
45 department, or an institution covered under this act shall remain in effect.

46 **SECTION 5. Effective Date.** – This act becomes effective July 1, 2020.