

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2001**

**SENATE BILL 531
RATIFIED BILL**

**AN ACT TO EXEMPT CERTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE ACTIVITIES FROM
THE UMSTEAD ACT.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 66-58(c) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:
"(c) The provisions of subsection (a) shall not prohibit:

...

(3a) The use of community college personnel or facilities, with the consent of the trustees of that college, in support of or by a private business enterprise located on a community college campus or in the service area of a community college for one or more of the following specific services in support of economic development:

a. Small business incubators. – As used in this sub-subdivision, the term 'small business incubators' means sites for new business ventures in the service area of the community college that are in need of the support and assistance provided by the college; and, without which, the likelihood of success of the business would be greatly diminished. The services of the small business incubator shall not extend to any such new business venture for a period of more than 24 months.

b. Product testing services.

c. Videoconferencing services provided to the public for occasional use."

SECTION 2. G.S. 115D-20 is amended by adding a new subdivision to

read:

"(12) Notwithstanding the provisions of this Chapter, a community college may permit the use of its personnel or facilities, in support of or by a private business enterprise located on a community college campus or in the service area of a community college for the specific services in support of economic development that are set out in G.S. 66-58(c)(3a). The board of trustees of a community college must specifically approve any use of facilities or personnel under this subdivision. The State Board shall adopt rules to implement the provisions of this subdivision and G.S. 66-58(c)(3a)."

SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 9th day of August, 2001.

Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

James B. Black
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Michael F. Easley
Governor

Approved _____ .m. this _____ day of _____, 2001