

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 644

Short Title: Study of High School Programs at Comm. Coll. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Swindell; Atwater, Stevens, Tillman, and Vaughan.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

March 18, 2009

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT DIRECTING THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION OVERSIGHT
3 COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE GENERAL STATUTES
4 AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES PERTAINING TO HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS
5 OFFERED AT COMMUNITY COLLEGES.

6 Whereas, the North Carolina Community College System currently offers myriad
7 programs to high school students; and

8 Whereas, over 34,000 students participated in these programs, such as Huskins Bill
9 courses, dual enrollment, Learn and Earn, Learn and Earn Online, and college transfer courses,
10 in 2007-2008; and

11 Whereas, it is up to the individual community college to determine the appropriate
12 coding and classification of these high school students to determine reimbursement amounts
13 from either the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction or through the generation of
14 regular FTE; and

15 Whereas, high school students may participate in one or more of these programs
16 simultaneously, making administration of payments and coding of these students problematic;
17 and

18 Whereas, the North Carolina Association of Community College Presidents strongly
19 supports a review of the statutes and rules governing high school programs in order to ensure
20 consistency in administration; Now, therefore,

21 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

22 **SECTION 1.** The Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee shall study the
23 consolidation of the General Statutes and administrative rules pertaining to high school
24 programs offered at community colleges, including Huskins Bill courses, dual enrollment,
25 Learn and Earn, Learn and Earn Online, and college transfer courses, to facilitate consistency
26 in administration of these programs among colleges and to ensure that revenues are
27 appropriately received by the colleges to fulfill their responsibility in providing these programs
28 to high school students. The Committee shall report the results of its study to the 2010 Regular
29 Session of the 2009 General Assembly.

30 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

