

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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HOUSE BILL 888

Short Title: Appropriate Funds for Future Health Care Jobs. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Farmer-Butterfield, Cunningham, and Terry (Primary Sponsors).  
*For a complete list of Sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly Web Site.*

Referred to: Appropriations.

April 15, 2015

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM TO  
3 TRAIN FUTURE HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS TO MEET THE HEALTH CARE  
4 NEEDS CREATED BY MEDICAID EXPANSION.

5 Whereas, Medicaid expansion would provide Medicaid coverage for an estimated  
6 500,000 North Carolina residents; and

7 Whereas, most of those individuals are not currently receiving regular health care or  
8 are receiving reduced levels of health care; and

9 Whereas, Medicaid expansion would increase the demand for health care services  
10 and is estimated to create at least an additional 25,000 health care jobs in the State to meet the  
11 increased demand; Now, therefore,

12 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

13 **SECTION 1.** In the event Medicaid eligibility is expanded to all people under age  
14 65 who have incomes equal to or less than one hundred thirty-three percent (133%) of the  
15 federal poverty guidelines, then there is appropriated from the General Fund to the Community  
16 Colleges System Office the sum of twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) for the 2015-2016  
17 fiscal year and the sum of twenty-seven million dollars (\$27,000,000) for the 2016-2017 fiscal  
18 year. The funds shall be used to increase the number of students entering into and graduating  
19 from health care certificate and health care degree programs throughout the State.

20 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2015.

