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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO REALIGN THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE  
3 BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF CERTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGES.  
4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:  
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6 **PART I. BLADEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

7 **SECTION 1.** Notwithstanding G.S. 115D-13, as amended by Section 6.10(o) of S.L.  
8 2023-134, the terms of office for certain members of the Board of Trustees of Bladen Community  
9 College shall be revised as follows:

- 10 (1) Of the two terms elected by the Bladen County Board of Commissioners that  
11 expire June 30, 2025, the Board shall elect one trustee to a term of two years,  
12 beginning July 1, 2025, so that the term expires June 30, 2027.  
13 (2) Of the two terms elected by the Bladen County Board of Commissioners that  
14 expire June 30, 2026, the Board shall elect one trustee to a term of two years,  
15 beginning July 1, 2026, so that the term expires June 30, 2028.  
16 (3) Of the two terms elected by the Bladen County Board of Education that expire  
17 June 30, 2026, the General Assembly, upon the recommendation of the  
18 Speaker of the House of Representatives, shall appoint one trustee to a term  
19 of two years, beginning July 1, 2026, so that the term expires June 30, 2028.  
20 (4) Of the two terms elected by the Bladen County Board of Education that expire  
21 June 30, 2027, the General Assembly, upon the recommendation of the  
22 Speaker of the House of Representatives, shall appoint one trustee to a term  
23 of two years, beginning July 1, 2027, so that the term expires June 30, 2029.  
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25 **PART II. CAPE FEAR COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

26 **SECTION 2.** Notwithstanding G.S. 115D-13, as amended by Section 6.10(o) of S.L.  
27 2023-134, for the additional term of office of the Board of Trustees of Cape Fear Community  
28 College that is to be elected by the Pender County Board of Commissioners, the Board shall elect  
29 one trustee to a term of three years, beginning July 1, 2024, so that the term expires June 30,  
30 2027.  
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32 **PART III. CENTRAL CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

33 **SECTION 3.** Notwithstanding G.S. 115D-13, as amended by Section 6.10(o) of S.L.  
34 2023-134, the terms of office for certain members of the Board of Trustees of Central Carolina  
35 Community College shall be revised as follows:



- 1 (1) Of the two terms elected by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners  
2 that are expiring June 30, 2025, the Board shall elect one trustee to a term of  
3 two years, beginning July 1, 2025, so that the term expires June 30, 2027.
- 4 (2) Of the two terms elected by the Harnett County Board of Commissioners that  
5 are expiring June 30, 2025, the Board shall do the following:
- 6 a. Elect one trustee to a term of one year, beginning July 1, 2025, so that  
7 the term expires June 30, 2026.
- 8 b. Elect one trustee to a term of three years, beginning July 1, 2025, so  
9 that the term expires June 30, 2028.

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11 **PART IV. JAMES SPRUNT COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

12 **SECTION 4.** Notwithstanding G.S. 115D-13, as amended by Section 6.10(o) of S.L.  
13 2023-134, of the two terms of office of the Board of Trustees of James Sprunt Community  
14 College that are elected by the Duplin County Board of Commissioners and expire June 30, 2025,  
15 the Board shall elect one trustee to a term of two years, beginning July 1, 2025, so that the term  
16 expires June 30, 2027.

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18 **PART V. JOHNSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

19 **SECTION 5.** Notwithstanding G.S. 115D-13, as amended by Section 6.10(o) of S.L.  
20 2023-134, and notwithstanding Section 6.10(p) of S.L. 2023-134, the terms of office for certain  
21 members of the Board of Trustees of Johnston Community College shall be revised as follows:

- 22 (1) The term of Ms. Lyn T. Austin, appointed by the Governor, or any member  
23 appointed to fill a vacancy in that seat for the remainder of the unexpired term  
24 in accordance with subdivisions (1) through (3) of subsection (p) of Section  
25 6.10 of S.L. 2023-134, shall be extended for two years so that the term expires  
26 June 30, 2026.
- 27 (2) The term of Mr. Robert Bryant, appointed by the Governor, or any member  
28 appointed to fill a vacancy in that seat for the remainder of the unexpired term  
29 in accordance with subdivisions (1) through (3) of subsection (p) of Section  
30 6.10 of S.L. 2023-134, shall be extended for one year so that the term expires  
31 June 30, 2027.
- 32 (3) The term of Mr. R.S. Lawter, Jr., elected by the Johnston County Board of  
33 Commissioners, or any member appointed to fill a vacancy in that seat for the  
34 remainder of the unexpired term in accordance with subdivisions (1) through  
35 (3) of subsection (p) of Section 6.10 of S.L. 2023-134, shall expire June 30,  
36 2026.
- 37 (4) The term of Mr. Reid Williams, elected by the Johnston County Board of  
38 Education, or any member appointed to fill a vacancy in that seat for the  
39 remainder of the unexpired term in accordance with subdivisions (1) through  
40 (3) of subsection (p) of Section 6.10 of S.L. 2023-134, shall expire June 30,  
41 2026.

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43 **PART VI. LENOIR COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

44 **SECTION 6.** Notwithstanding G.S. 115D-13, as amended by Section 6.10(o) of S.L.  
45 2023-134, for the one term of office of the Board of Trustees of Lenoir Community College that  
46 is elected by the Greene County Board of Commissioners and expires June 30, 2025, the Board  
47 shall appoint one trustee to a term of one year, beginning July 1, 2025, so that the term expires  
48 June 30, 2026.

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50 **PART VII. PITT COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

1           **SECTION 7.** Notwithstanding G.S. 115D-13, as amended by Section 6.10(o) of S.L.  
2 2023-134, the terms of office for certain members of the Board of Trustees of Pitt Community  
3 College shall be revised as follows:

- 4           (1) Of the two terms elected by the Pitt County Board of Commissioners that  
5 expire June 30, 2025, the Board shall elect one trustee to a term of one year,  
6 beginning July 1, 2025, so that the term expires June 30, 2026.
- 7           (2) Of the two terms elected by the Pitt County Board of Education that expire  
8 June 30, 2025, the General Assembly, upon the recommendation of the  
9 Speaker of the House of Representatives, shall appoint one trustee to a term  
10 of one year, beginning July 1, 2025, so that the term expires June 30, 2026.

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12 **PART VIII. SANDHILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

13           **SECTION 8.** Notwithstanding G.S. 115D-13, as amended by Section 6.10(o) of S.L.  
14 2023-134, for the additional term of office of the Board of Trustees of Sandhills Community  
15 College that was elected in 2024 by the Hoke County Board of Commissioners in accordance  
16 with G.S. 115D-12, as amended by Section 6.10(n) of S.L. 2023-134, the term shall expire June  
17 30, 2027.

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19 **PART IX. MISCELLANEOUS**

20           **SECTION 9.(a)** For the boards of trustees of the community colleges addressed in  
21 this act, in accordance with G.S. 115D-12, G.S. 115D-13, and Section 6.10 of S.L. 2023-134, the  
22 following shall apply for any seat in which a specific term length is not provided or revised:

- 23           (1) For current seats, the term shall expire at the end of its previously appointed  
24 or elected term.
- 25           (2) For additional seats to be elected or appointed pursuant to Section 6.10 of S.L.  
26 2023-134, in order to maintain staggered terms, the initial term shall begin  
27 July 1, 2024, and expire June 30, 2028.

28           **SECTION 9.(b)** The successors to the trustees elected or appointed to terms of less  
29 than four years or whose terms were otherwise revised pursuant to this act shall be elected or  
30 appointed, following the expiration of their terms, to terms of four years on July 1, and every  
31 four years thereafter, in accordance with G.S. 115D-13, as amended by Section 6.10(o) of S.L.  
32 2023-134.

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34 **PART X. EFFECTIVE DATE**

35           **SECTION 10.** This act is effective when it becomes law.