

Legislative Update

Lt. Governor Dennis A. Wicker, Chairman
President

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of SBCC
Presidents
NCCCS System Office Employees

FROM: H. Martin Lancaster

The Governor's budget was unveiled Monday, February 15, recommending expansion items as follows:

	<u>1999-0</u>	<u>2000-1</u>
Enrollment growth	\$8.8 mil	\$8.8
Salary increase for instructors	\$7.1 mil	\$7.1
Reserve for enrollment/salary increase for faculty	\$14 mil	\$14 mil
3% salary (July 1, 1999) increase is recommended for all campus personnel; with 0.5% bonus (NR) for all campus personnel, except faculty	\$15.6 mil (\$810,313)(NR)	15.6

Recommended adjustments: Tuition increase 2% for 1999-01

This budget recommendation is not complete. The Governor has deferred recommendation on non-recurring funding until later this spring. This is, in part, due to the awaited plan for payment of the intangibles tax refunds ordered by the state Supreme Court. The Governor proposed \$400 million in spending reductions, some of which are offset by increased tuition for the universities and community colleges.

Bills of interest introduced or receiving action are:

S.95 - Modify Community College and UNC Board Membership.
Deletes prohibition against State employees and their spouses serving on Community College State Board and replaces with prohibition of employees working for Community College or the University system to serve on State Board or Board of Governors. Lee and Cooper. Education.

H.72 - UNC Tuition/Military Students.
Provides that member of military attending constituent institution or community college pay in-state tuition. McAllister.

H.73 - Exempt Tobacco Comp. Payments.
To exempt from income tax payments made to farmers, workers allotment holders as compensation for losses, pursuant to the settlement and related agreements with manufacturers. Baker and Russell.

H.74 - Tobacco Settlement Corp. Funding.
Approves creation of non-profit corporation pursuant to court order for receipt and distribution of fifty percent of funds received by state in NC. V. Philip Morris, et al, earmarking additional funding for that corporation.

Additional appropriations are contingent on corporation using the following amounts from total funds for indicated purposes:

\$50 million, Dept. of Agriculture for emergency loan fund for tobacco farmers, related business.

\$25 million, Dept. of Agriculture for marketing support for farm products.

\$75 million, Community College System, Employment Security Commission for financial assistance and retraining of displaced tobacco workers.

\$50 million, UNC Board of Governors for research on alternative crops.

\$300 million, Dept. of Commerce for recruitment of industry to tobacco related regions. Baker and Russell.

S.115 - Extend Board Match Deadline.
To extend one year deadline for matching community college bond

funds. Garwood, Carter, Metcalf, Moore. Finance.

(H.93) Gillespie, Thompson.

S.133 - Scotland Community College Capital Funds.
Appropriates funds to expand Scotland County satellite of
Richmond Community College in the amount of \$400,000 for FY99-00.
Purcell, Plyler. Appropriations.

Senate bill 57, Lose Control, Lose License, passed favorably out
of Judiciary 1, 2/18/99. This bill was unanimously endorsed
2/19/99 by the State Board of Community Colleges. Sponsored by
Senator Cooper, it provides for loss of license for one year
after certain designated behaviors occur in educational settings
for youth fourteen years old or older. This bill, intended to
raise awareness of the consequences of violent behavior, is
promoted by Lt. Governor, Dennis Wicker, and gives school
administrators additional authority in an effort to deter serious
behavioral acts. The bill has a companion measure, H.34 (Hurley)
in the House and was passed by Senate, 2/25/99, with technical
amendment. Sent to the House. House measure is under
consideration in J4 committee.

H.138 - Beaufort Community College Capital Funds.
To appropriate funds for construction of a new building for law
enforcement center, emergency medical training program,
additional classrooms and multi-use. Edwards. Appropriations.

H.140 - CFCC Public Safety Center Funds. (S.48)
To appropriate funds for planning and development of regional
public safety training center at north campus of the Cape Fear
Community College. Wright. Appropriations.

H.159 - Scotland Community College Capital Funds. (S133)
To appropriate funds to expand Scotland County satellite of
Richmond Community College. Goodwin. Appropriations.

H.161 - Regional Child Care Center Funds.
To appropriate funds to Department of Community Colleges to be
allocated to Western Piedmont Community College Board of Trustees
to establish a model childhood education center for Burke County.
Buchanan and Church. Appropriations.

Please note that: Rep. Ronnie Smith has been assigned to
Subcommittee on Community Colleges.

Rep. Martin Nesbitt has been assigned to Committee on Travel and
Tourism.

Rep. Maggie Jeffus has been assigned Vice Chair of Committee on Education.

Rep. Crawford has been assigned to subcommittee on Community Colleges.

Rep. Arnold has been assigned to Appropriations Subcommittee on Capital.

Reps. Arnold and McAllister have been assigned to Finance Committee.

Rep. McAllister has been assigned to Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation.

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