

Legislative Update

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MEMORANDUM

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A vote on the agreement negotiated by legislative leaders on how to divide the \$4.6 billion dollar tobacco settlement over the next twenty five years was postponed last week. Committee meetings were canceled and the House virtually focused all attention on tobacco.

Under the deal, half the settlement money is earmarked for a nonprofit foundation which would make grants and administer programs for tobacco dependent communities. The other half of the money would be split into two trust funds: one for health-related purposes, the other for direct and indirect payments to tobacco farmers, workers and allotment holders.

Introduced bills of interest to Community Colleges

S.179 - Warren. Beaufort Community College Capital Funds. To appropriate funds for construction of a new building at Beaufort Community College. Approp.

S.191 - Reeves. N.C. Technological Dev. Auth. Funds - 1. Appropriates \$6 million for 99-00 and \$1.5 million for 00-01 to assist businesses owned by disabled persons with office space and technical assistance. Approp. (H.177 Hunter, Fox)

S.228 - Warren. Pitt Community College Industrial Bldg. Funds. Appropriates \$2.5 million for 99-00. Approp.

S.240 - Rand. Fayetteville Tech. Botany Lab Funds. Appropriates \$446,951 for 99-00 and same amount for 00-01 for lab to be established in partnership with Cape Fear Botanical Garden. Approp.

S.241 - Phillips. Child Care Law Corrections (H.287). Corrections to be made to General Statutes and repeal certain laws pertaining to

child care program standards. Amends GS 110-99(b) to make clear this does not apply to drop-in and short-term child care provided in churches. Repeals sec. 4(b), SL 1997-506, which provided that enhanced program standards adopted by Child Care Commission under GS 110-88(7) shall expire July 1, 1999. Repeals language providing that Division of Child Care Development and Child Care Commission shall not promote or require utilization of materials by National Association for Education of Young Children or National Institute for Early Childhood Professional Development. Individual facilities must be permitted to make curriculum decision. Children and Human Res. (H.287, Alexander).

* This bill affects Community College Day Care Centers curriculum in substance.

S. 243 - Shaw of Guilford. Community College Campus Police. Establishes law enforcement agencies at constituent institutions. Judiciary.

H.239 - Haire, Tolson. Community College Property Transfer. Allowing for property transfers between community college boards of trustees and counties for community college purposes. Ways and Means.

H.244 - McLawhorn, Tolson. Student on Community College Board. Adding a student member to the State Board of Community Colleges. Ed.

H.256 - Allen, Tolson. Community College Sales Tax Refund. Allowing community colleges refunds of sales taxes paid by them on tangible personal property. Finance.

H.258 - Allen, Tolson. Community College Fuel Tax Exemption. Allowing community colleges a motor fuel tax exemption. Finance.

H.260 - Barefoot, Tolson. Community College Tech. Changes. Update and make technical changes to community college laws. Ed.

H.273 - Thomas, Tolson. Modify Community College Board Membership. To grant most state employees eligibility for membership on the State Board. Ed.

H.293 - Bridgeman, Tolson. Proprietary Sch/Civil Penalties. Authorizes State Board to assess monetary penalties against proprietary schools that operate without license. Penalty may not exceed \$5,000. Proceeds of penalty are remitted to Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund. Ed.

H.308 - Tolson. Additional Funds for Comm. College Costs. Appropriates \$9.9 million for 99-00 and 00-01 to increase formula amount for "other costs." Increases other costs component of curriculum courses from \$105/FTE to \$180/FTE and component of cont. ed. from \$56/FTE to \$180/FTE. Approp.

H.330 - Owens. N.C. Workforce Development. To create a N.C. Commission on Workforce Development, to conform general statutes to federal workforce investment act, and make other statutory changes to enhance workforce training and development. Ways and Means.

S.267 - Plyer, Odom, Perdue, Purcell. No Match/Comm. College Funds. To clarify intent of General Assembly not to require a non-state match for certain funds appropriated to community colleges. Approp.

S.320 - Easterling, Hardaway, Redwine. Current Operations Appropriations Act. To make Base Budget Appropriations for current operations of State Departments, Institutions and Agencies. (S.268)

Reward Excellence in Community College Teaching. Of funds appropriated in act, State Board of Community Colleges must distribute, in accordance with Board's policies, salary increase for teaching faculty members to be given to those who have demonstrated excellence in teaching. Funds may not be used for any purpose other than for salary increases and necessary employee contributions provided by the section.

Community College Funding Flexibility. Local community college may use all state funds allocated to it, except for Literacy Funds and Funds for New and Expanding Industries, for any authorized purpose consistent with college's Institutional Effectiveness Plan. Plan must indicate to Board how college will use funding flexibility to meet demands of local community and maintain presence in all previously funded categorical programs.

H.361 - Mosley. Visiting Artist Funds. Appropriates \$1.3 million to Dept. of Cultural Resources for joint funding with Community Colleges to sponsor new visiting artists program. Approp.

H.395 - Rayfield. Community College Salaries. To limit use of state funds for community college salaries. Ed.

*This will eliminate "flexibility" as necessary by colleges. State Board will review bill.

H.396 - Rayfield. Community College Operating Funds. To appropriate funds (\$75.9 mil; 99-00; 00-01) for maintenance of plant operation and shift responsibility from local tax-levying authority to State Board. Approp.

H.407 - Tolson. Manf. Tech/Plastics Ctr. Funds. Appropriates \$650,000 for 99-00 to Community Colleges for construction of Center to serve colleges in Edgecombe, Johnston, Nash, Wayne, Wake, Wilson. Approp.

H.412 - Moore. Community College Multi-campus Funds. Appropriates \$1.7 million for 99-00 and \$2.5 million for 00-01 to provide adequate operating funding for Multi-campus community colleges. Approp.

Bills receiving action:

S.57 - Lose Control, Lose Your License. 2/25/99. Ref. to H. Judiciary.

S.115 - Extend Bond Match Deadline. Reported favorable. Senate, Finance. Calendared for 3/16/99.

H.244 - Student on Community College Board. House re-assigned to Ed.

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H.293 - Proprietary School/Civil Penalties. House re-assigned to Ed.

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