

COMMUNITY COLLEGES
2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION WRAP-UP

Priorities Enacted

- ✓ Year-Round Funding for All Curriculum Courses
- ✓ Salary Increases for Community College Faculty and Staff with Flexibility to Administer
- ✓ NC Works Career Coaches
- ✓ Equipment Funds
- ✓ Expand CCP to Agriculture and Transportation Classes for HS Freshmen and Sophomores
- ✓ Developmental Education in HS (“Career & College Ready Graduates”)
- ✓ Equipment Flexibility for R&R
- ✓ Broaden Retirement Plan Options by Allowing 403(b) Plans for Community College Employees
- ✓ In-State Tuition for Veterans
- ✓ Retain Compliance Services (Program Audit) Function

Opposed & NOT Enacted

- X Tuition Increases That Do Not Support Student Education (Gov. Budget)
- X Affirmative Consent Standard for Community Colleges
- X Community College Audits Transfer to State Auditor
- X Billing Counties for Cost of Developmental Education
- X Providing Salary Increases to Faculty Only
- X No Flexibility in Awarding Salary Increases
- X Transfer System Office IT Personnel to new Department of Information Technology
- X Transfer Drivers Education to Community Colleges

Other

Bonds for Repair, Renovation, and/or New Construction
NC GAP

H943 – Connect NC Bond Act of 2015

Amount	<p>Total: \$2 billion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Colleges: \$350 million • UNC: \$980 million • Agriculture: \$179 million • Local Parks and Water/Sewer: \$312.5 million • State Parks and Zoo: \$100 million • National Guard: \$70 million • Public Safety: \$8.5 million
Allocation Method for CC Bond Funds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocation based on county wealth (Commerce tier designation) • R&R need allocation based on age-weighted sq. footage • Additional sq. footage needs
Use of CC Bond Proceeds	New construction, repairs, renovations
CC Match Requirement	<p><u>Repair & Renovation</u>: No match requirement</p> <p><u>New Construction</u>: Sliding scale match based on county wealth (tier designation). Community colleges with a main campus located in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tier 1 County: \$1.00 in local matching funds for every \$3.00 of bond funds • Tier 2 County: \$1.00 in local matching funds for every \$2.00 of bond funds • Tier 3 County: \$1.00 in local matching funds for every \$1.00 of bond funds
Useful Life Requirement	R&R projects must have a useful life or at least 10 years or must extend the life of the facility by at least 10 years.
Referendum Date	March 2016 Presidential primary election