

**NON-BUDGET LEGISLATION/SPECIAL PROVISIONS
2015-2016 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

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1. **Authorize Year-Round Funding for UGETC Classes.** In 2013, the General Assembly authorized community colleges to teach technical education, health care, developmental education, and STEM-related courses during the summer term and earn FTE.
 - This provision would expand the authorization to allow colleges to earn FTE during the summer for any other courses on the UGETC (Universal General Education Transfer List) list.
2. **Authorize Equipment Flexibility for R&R.** During the 2011-2013 biennium, the General Assembly authorized community colleges expend equipment allocations on equipment, repairs and renovations of existing facilities, and new construction.
 - This provision would reauthorize colleges to spend equipment money on repairs and renovations for the 2015-17 biennium.
3. **Request Study of Lottery Funds to Incentivize Associate Degree Completion.** This provision would request the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee to study the use of lottery funds to incentivize students to complete an associate degree at a community college prior to transferring to a four-year college or university.
4. **Broaden Retirement Plan Options for Community College Employees.** Consider legislation to add additional retirement plan options for community college employees. For example, last session, the General Assembly authorized the State Treasurer to offer 403(b) plans to public school teachers. This option could be extended to community college employees. Another option would be to extend the optional retirement plan to community college employees.
5. **Codify Basic Skills Plus.** Each session, the System requests a special provision allowing the State Board to authorize community colleges to use up to 20% of the State Literacy Funds allocated to provide employability skills, job-specific occupational and technical skills, and developmental education instruction to students concurrently enrolled in a community college course leading to a high school diploma or equivalent certificate and allow the college to waive the tuition and fees.
 - This provision would codify this language in G.S. 115D.
6. **Expand Agricultural and Transportation Classes to Freshmen & Sophomores.** In 2013, the General Assembly authorized community colleges to offer courses to qualified freshmen and sophomore high school students that lead to a career technical education certificate or diploma in industrial and engineering technologies.
 - This provision would expand this authority to include agricultural and transportation education for freshmen and sophomores.
7. **Authorize Carry-forward of CIS Funds.** Each session, the System Office requests the authority to carry-forward college information system (CIS) funds.
 - This provision would request that authority for the 2015-16 SFY.
8. **Direct Study for Developing High School *Career and College Readiness Transition*.** A majority of NC high school students begin their 12th grade year without having demonstrated college readiness through ACT assessments. Community colleges and public schools can partner to develop programs to ensure high school students are career and college ready by the time they finish their senior year thereby eliminating the need for remediation when entering college.
 - This provision would request that the General Assembly direct the State Board of Community Colleges and the State Board of Education to develop a joint plan for high school *Career and College Readiness Transition* that could be offered to high school students beginning Fall 2016.