



CHAPTER 115D
ARTICLE 3 - FINANCIAL SUPPORT

N.C.G.S. § 115D-31.

State financial support of institutions.

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§ 115D-31(a) The State Board of Community Colleges shall be responsible for providing, from sources available to the State Board, funds to meet the financial needs of institutions, as determined by policies and regulations of the State Board, for the following budget items:

- (1) Plant Fund. - Furniture and equipment for administrative and instructional purposes, library books, and other items of capital outlay approved by the State Board. Provided, the State Board may, on an equal matching-fund basis from appropriations made by the State for the purpose, grant funds to individual institutions for the purchase of land, construction and remodeling of institutional buildings determined by the State Board to be necessary for the instructional programs or administration of such institutions. For the purpose of determining amount of matching State funds, local funds shall include expenditures made prior to the enactment of this Chapter or prior to an institution becoming a community college pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter, when such expenditures were made for the purchase of land, construction, and remodeling of institutional buildings subsequently determined by the State Board to be necessary as herein specified, and provided such local expenditures have not previously been used as the basis for obtaining matching State funds under the provisions of this Chapter or any other laws of the State. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subdivision, G.S. 116-53(b), or G.S. 143C-4-5, appropriations by the State of North Carolina for capital or permanent improvements for community colleges may be matched with any prior expenditure of non-State funds for capital construction or land acquisition not already used for matching purposes.

(2) Current Operating Expenses:

a.General administration. - Salaries and other costs as determined by the State Board necessary to carry out the functions of general administration.

b.Instructional services. - Salaries and other costs as determined by the State Board necessary to carry out the functions of instructional services.

c.Support services. - Salaries and other costs as determined by the State Board necessary to carry out the functions of support services.

(3) Additional Support for Regional Institutions as Defined in G.S. 115D-2(4). - Matching funds to be used with local funds to meet the financial needs of the regional institutions for the items set out in G.S. 115D-32(a)(2)a. Amount of matching funds to be provided by the State under this section shall be determined as follows: The population of the administrative area in which the regional institution is located shall be called the "local factor," the combined populations of all other counties served by the institution shall be called the "State factor." When the budget for the items listed in G.S. 115D-32(a)(2)a has been approved under the procedures set out in G.S. 115D-45, the administrative area in which the regional institution is located shall provide a percentage to be determined by dividing the local factor by the sum of the local factor and the State factor. The State shall provide a percentage of the necessary funds to meet this budget, the percentage to be determined by dividing the State factor by the sum of the local factor and the State factor. If the local administrative area provides less than its proportionate share, the amount of State funds provided shall be reduced by the same proportion as were the administrative area funds.

Wherever the word "population" is used in this subdivision, it shall mean the population of the particular area in accordance with the latest United States census.

§ 115D-31(b)

The State Board is authorized to accept, receive, use, or reallocate to the institutions any federal funds or aids that have been or may be appropriated by the government of the United States for the encouragement and improvement of any phase of the programs of the institutions.

§ 115D-31(b1)

A local community college may use all State funds allocated to it, except for Literacy funds and Customized Training funds, for any authorized purpose that is consistent with the college's Institutional Effectiveness Plan. Each local community college shall include in its Institutional Effectiveness Plan a section on how funding flexibility

allows the college to meet the demands of the local community and to maintain a presence in all previously funded categorical programs.

§ 115D-31(c) State funds appropriated to the State Board of Community Colleges for equipment and library books, except for funds appropriated to the Equipment Reserve Fund, shall revert to the General Fund 12 months after the close of the fiscal year for which they were appropriated. Encumbered balances outstanding at the end of each period shall be handled in accordance with existing State budget policies. The System Office shall identify to the Office of State Budget and Management the funds that revert at the end of the 12 months after the close of the fiscal year.

§ 115D-31(d) State funds appropriated to the State Board of Community Colleges for the Equipment Reserve Fund shall be allocated to institutions in accordance with the equipment allocation formula for the fiscal period. An institution to which these funds are allocated shall spend the funds only in accordance with an equipment acquisition plan developed by the institution and approved by the State Board.

These funds shall not revert and shall remain available until expended in accordance with an approved plan.

§ 115D-31(e) If receipts for community college tuition and fees exceed the amount certified in General Fund Codes at the end of a fiscal year, the State Board of Community Colleges shall transfer the amount of receipts and fees above those budgeted to the Enrollment Growth Reserve. Funds in the Enrollment Growth Reserve shall not revert to the General Fund and shall remain available to the State Board until expended. The State Board may allocate funds in this reserve to colleges experiencing an enrollment increase greater than five percent (5%) of budgeted enrollment levels.

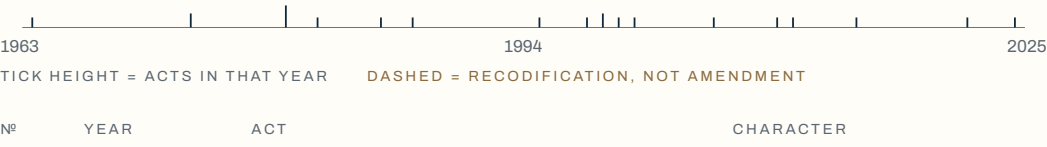
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APPARATUS I
22 ACTS

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01	1963	c. 448, s. 23	ENACTED
02	1973	c. 590, ss. 2, 3	AMENDED
03	1973	c. 637, s. 1	AMENDED
04	1979	c. 462, s. 2	AMENDED
05	1979	c. 896, s. 13	AMENDED
06	1979	c. 946, s. 1	AMENDED
07	1979	2nd Sess., c. 1130, s. 1	AMENDED
08	1981	c. 157, s. 2	AMENDED
09	1985	c. 757, s. 146	AMENDED
10	1987	c. 564, ss. 9, 12	AMENDED
11	1995	c. 324, s. 16	AMENDED
12	1998	S.L. 1998-212, s. 10.2(a)	AMENDED
13	1999	S.L. 1999-84, s. 11	AMENDED
14	1999	S.L. 1999-237, s. 9.3(a)	AMENDED
15	2000	S.L. 2000-140, s. 93.1(a)	AMENDED
16	2001	S.L. 2001-424, s. 12.2(b)	AMENDED
17	2006	S.L. 2006-203, s. 38	AMENDED
18	2010	S.L. 2010-31, s. 8.2	AMENDED
19	2011	S.L. 2011-145, s. 8.4	AMENDED
20	2015	S.L. 2015-241, s. 10.2(b)	AMENDED
21	2022	S.L. 2022-71, s. 3.3	AMENDED
22	2025	S.L. 2025-56, s. 1(g)	AMENDED

APPARATUS II
5 AUTHORITIES

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 116-53(b)	(a)(1)	"Notwithstanding the provisions of this subdivision,"
G.S. 143C-4	(a)(1)	"of this subdivision, G.S. 116-53(b), or"
G.S. 115D-2(4)	(a)(3)	"for Regional Institutions as Defined in"

G.S. 115D-32(a)(2)	(a)(3)	<i>"for the items set out in"</i>
G.S. 115D-45	(a)(3)	<i>"under the procedures set out in"</i>

APPARATUS III

Citation

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