

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 743

Short Title: Comm. College Facilities and Equipment Fund. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Yongue, Tolson (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Coates, Dickson, Faison, Glazier, Howard, McLawhorn, Parmon, Tarleton, R. Warren, and Wray.

Referred to: Appropriations.

March 15, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
2 FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT FUND.
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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.(a)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
6 Community Colleges System Office the sum of thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) for
7 the 2007-2008 fiscal year for the Community College Facilities and Equipment Fund.
8 The Fund shall be used for the purpose of awarding grants to community colleges for
9 facility and equipment needs. The Community Colleges System Office, in consultation
10 with the State Board of Community Colleges, shall develop a competitive grant
11 application process and guidelines for facility or equipment needs. The State Board of
12 Community Colleges shall award grants on the merit of the applications received.
13 Priority shall be given to projects in low-wealth counties and to projects that have a high
14 potential for promoting economic growth in economically depressed areas. No
15 individual grant may exceed the sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000).

16 These grants shall be awarded on a matching basis of one State dollar (\$1.00)
17 for every one non-State dollar (\$1.00).

18 **SECTION 1.(b)** Beginning September 1, 2007, the Community Colleges
19 System Office shall submit a report to the Office of State Budget and Management and
20 the Fiscal Research Division containing the following information about each grant that
21 was awarded: (i) the name of the community college; (ii) a description of the project;
22 (iii) the project location; (iv) the cost-benefit analysis conducted by the Community
23 Colleges System Office and the rationale for awarding the grant; and (v) the amount of
24 the grant.

25 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.