

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 1511*

Short Title: Pitt & Beaufort County CC Capital Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Kerr.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

May 18, 2006

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AT PITT
2 COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND BEAUFORT COUNTY COMMUNITY
3 COLLEGE.
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5 Whereas, the William E. Fulford Building houses the health sciences
6 technical career programs on the campus of Pitt Community College; and

7 Whereas, Pitt Community College offers many health sciences programs,
8 including the Associate Degree of Nursing, Respiratory Care Technology, Radiological
9 Technology, Nuclear Medicine, Cardiovascular and Medical Diagnostic Sonography,
10 Imaging Technology, Phlebotomy, and Occupational Therapy Assistant; and

11 Whereas, various Pitt County employers, including Pitt County Memorial
12 Hospital, University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina, Physicians East, and other
13 local and regional health care providers, have expressed an interest in new and
14 expanded employment needs for health care professionals; and

15 Whereas, student enrollment has risen substantially in the health sciences
16 curriculum program at Pitt Community College, rising from 1,100 students in 2001 to
17 over 1,600 in 2004; and

18 Whereas, an addition to the Fulford Building would help Pitt Community
19 College meet the demand of its growing health sciences technical career programs; and

20 Whereas, Beaufort County Community College serves a rural, and
21 historically economically disadvantaged, service area consisting of Beaufort, Hyde,
22 Tyrrell, and Washington counties; and

23 Whereas, the Wallace-Eakes Building on the campus of Beaufort County
24 Community College houses services and operations essential to the instruction of and
25 support for students; and

26 Whereas, among those essential services and operations are the Learning
27 Resource Center, Student Support Services, Audio Visual/Electronic Distance Learning,
28 and Educational Media/Graphics Services, and Planning and Instructional
29 Effectiveness; and

1 Whereas, professional assessment has determined significant life-safety and
2 construction issues exist with the lower level of the Wallace-Eakes Building; and

3 Whereas, complete renovation of the lower level of the Wallace-Eakes
4 Building will ensure continuation of essential services and operations and a safe and
5 energy efficient environment; Now, therefore,

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the North
8 Carolina Community Colleges System Office the sum of three million five hundred
9 thousand dollars (\$3,500,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year to be allocated to Pitt
10 Community College for partial funding for the expansion of the William E. Fulford
11 Health Sciences Building, which will be used to help meet the demands of increased
12 student enrollment in the college's health sciences programs.

13 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the North
14 Carolina Community Colleges System Office the sum of two million dollars
15 (\$2,000,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year to be allocated to Beaufort County
16 Community College for capital improvements to the Wallace-Eakes Building.

17 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2006.