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**HOUSE BILL 1643**  
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Short Title: Community College Subpoena & Contempt Powers. (Public)

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT AUTHORIZING COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARDS TO EXERCISE  
3 CERTAIN JUDICIAL FUNCTIONS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115D-20 is amended by adding a new subdivision to  
6 read:

7 "**§ 115D-20. Powers and duties of trustees.**

8 The trustees of each institution shall constitute the local administrative board of such  
9 institution, with such powers and duties as are provided in this Chapter and as are  
10 delegated to it by the State Board of Community Colleges. The powers and duties of  
11 trustees shall include the following:

12 ...

13 (14) To exercise certain judicial functions.

14 a. The board of trustees may issue subpoenas in any and all  
15 matters that come within its powers and that, in its discretion,  
16 require investigation. The board may issue subpoenas for the  
17 attendance of witnesses and the production of documents or  
18 other tangible things. The sheriff or any process serving officer  
19 shall serve any such subpoena upon payment of the lawful  
20 fees."

21 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2007.