



# HOUSE BILL 346: Central Carolina CC MCC FTE Calculation.

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**OVERVIEW:** House Bill 346 would require the State Board of Community Colleges to calculate the budget full time-equivalent (FTE) enrollment for the purposes of multicampus center status for the Harnett Main Campus and the Chatham Main Campus of Central Carolina Community College by adding the FTE of the respective health sciences center to the main campus's FTE.

**CURRENT LAW:** G.S. 115D-5(o) requires that all multicampus centers approved by the State Board of Community Colleges (SBCC) receive funding under the same formula. A community college facility is considered a multicampus center if it is at least 4 miles away from the main campus of the community college and other multicampus locations and meets any other criteria established by the SBCC. The SBCC, in 1B SBCCC 200.3, defines a multicampus center as a convenience location in the community college service area to provide appropriate population and geographic access for community outreach, testing, faculty and staff offices, as well as literacy, continuing education, and curriculum instruction. A college must satisfy the following criteria to establish and maintain a multicampus center (MCC) designation:

1. The MCC must be at least ten miles from the main campus or other MCC locations or the college must provide evidence that the MCC is established in a location where the main campus or other MCC locations cannot adequately provide community college programs and services.
2. Colleges must provide programs and services based on evidence of student demand and needs.
3. Colleges must obtain prior approval and maintain approval of the MCC from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.
4. The county government provides support for maintenance and operation of the MCC physical plant.
5. The college has developed an instructional program and services plan.
6. The SBCC determines that the MCC is unlikely to have a significant negative impact on institutions contiguous to the MCC.
7. Students enrolled at an MCC must be able to complete at least one associate degree at the MCC.
8. Evidence that the duplication of instructional support and other cost expenses are justifiable from cost effectiveness and quality of support services perspectives.
9. The MCC must enroll a minimum of 300 (curriculum, occupational extension, or basic skills) budget FTE via traditional, blended, or hybrid instruction originating from and delivered at that MCC location. If an MCC drops and remains below the minimum budget FTE, the budget allocation for the MCC is initially reduced and if it remains below that level, the budget allocation will be eliminated.
10. The physical facility or facilities for the MCC must either be owned or leased on a long-term basis by the college.

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A community college must apply to the SBCC for approval of a new MCC. If an application meets all criteria and is recommended by the SBCC for approval, the System Office must include the State Board's recommendation in the budget request to the General Assembly. The MCC is approved if the General Assembly appropriates recurring funds to support the MCC.

The SBCC may waive provisions to address unforeseen circumstances where notice and hearing would be contrary to the interest of community college stakeholders.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 346 would direct the SBCC to calculate for MCC purposes the FTE of the Harnett Main Campus and the Chatham Main Campus of Central Carolina Community College as follows:

- For the Harnett Main Campus, the FTE of the Harnett Main Campus plus the FTE of the Harnett Health Sciences Center.
- For the Chatham Main Campus, the FTE of the Chatham Main Campus plus the FTE of the Chatham Health Sciences Center.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** House Bill 346 would be effective when it becomes law.