



HOUSE BILL 390: Beaufort Co. CC/Washington Co

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| Introduced by: | Rep. Tine | Prepared by: | Denise Adams* |
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SUMMARY: House Bill 390 would (1) authorize the election of an additional member to the Board of Trustees of Beaufort County Community College (BCCC) by each board of county commissioners within the administrative area; (2) require the State Board of Community Colleges (SBCC) to include all of Washington County in the service area of BCCC; and (3) direct the SBCC to review service areas that include multiple community colleges for one county.

CURRENT LAW: G.S. 115D-12 establishes the local boards of trustees for community colleges. There are thirteen members on each board, including the president of the student body as an ex officio member. The remaining twelve members are appointed in groups of 4 respectively by the following entities:

- 1) The board(s) of education of the local school administrative unit(s) located in the administrative area of the institution. If there is more than one board, the appointment is made jointly.
- 2) The board(s) of commissioners of the county or counties in the administrative area of the institution. If there is more than one board, the appointment is made jointly. If a satellite campus has been established in a county, if the board of trustees agrees, the county commissioners where the satellite campus is located may elect an additional 2 members.
- 3) The Governor.

The State Board of Community Colleges establishes service areas to community colleges for providing education and training services to eliminate duplication of services by different colleges in the same area. Service areas do not regulate or establish attendance areas or administrative areas. Currently, the service area for BCCC is Beaufort, Hyde, Tyrell, and all courses to Washington County except for adult basic education, adult high school/GED, fire training and emergency medical training and in-plant training, which are offered by Martin Community College.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 390 would make the following changes:

Section 1: Would authorize the board of county commissioners for the county where the main campus for BCCC is located (Beaufort County) to appoint 4 members to the board of trustees, and allow the board of trustees to authorize another board of county commissioners in the administrative area to appoint one trustee.

Section 2: Would require the SBCC to include Washington County fully in the service area of BCCC.

Section 2.5: Would require the SBCC to review, at least every five years, service areas that include counties assigned to more than one community college to determine the feasibility of the assignment, and revise the service areas as needed. The first review and any revisions should be completed no later than March 1, 2016, and the SBCC should report its findings to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee by that date.

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EFFECTIVE DATE: Section 2 would become effective July 1, 2015. The remainder of the act would become effective when it becomes law.

BACKGROUND: On March 13, 2015, the Washington County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution requesting reassignment of Washington County "exclusively to the service area of BCCC for purposes of providing all available programs and services to and within Washington County."

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