



# HOUSE BILL 47: Youth Career Connect

**This Bill Analysis  
reflects the contents  
of the bill as it was  
presented in  
committee.**

2015-2016 General Assembly

<b>Committee:</b>	House Education - Community Colleges	<b>Date:</b>	March 3, 2015
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**SUMMARY:** *HB 47 would authorize Anson County Schools ninth and tenth graders to enroll in curriculum courses at South Piedmont Community College in association with the federal Youth Career Connect Grant.*

*The Proposed Committee Substitute (PCS) to HB 47 would make the following changes: (i) clarify that tuition for these students is waived, (ii) modify the effective date to contain a sunset of June 30, 2018, and (iii) make a conforming change to the long title.*

**BACKGROUND:** According to news articles and information from the US Department of Labor on the Youth Career Connect grants, Anson County was the only school district in NC selected in 2014 to receive a Youth Career Connect grant. These grants are designed to encourage partnerships between school districts, institutions of higher education, and the workforce investment system to scale up evidence-based high school models to better prepare students to succeed in post-secondary education and in a competitive workforce. The federal Youth Career Connect Grant awarded to Anson County Schools for 2014-2018 requires students to enroll in community college courses in the ninth and tenth grades.

**CURRENT LAW:** Under current law, there are limited situations in which ninth and tenth grade students may enroll in community college classes. In 2012, the General Assembly enacted the “Career and College Promise” model, which allows juniors and seniors that have demonstrated college readiness to enroll in community college courses while still in high school. The statutes do not allow ninth and tenth graders to enroll in community colleges unless they are 1) enrolled in an early college high school, or 2) taking courses in industrial and engineering technologies that lead to a career technical education certificate or diploma.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** The PCS for HB 47 provides that South Piedmont Community College may enroll Anson County Schools ninth and tenth grade students in curriculum courses associated with the federal Youth Career Connect Grant. Ninth and tenth grade students enrolled in curriculum courses at South Piedmont Community College associated with this grant will not be charged tuition. South Piedmont Community College will earn budget FTE for these student course enrollments.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The PCS to HB 47 would be effective when it becomes law and expires June 30, 2018.

