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HOUSE BILL 579: Comm. Coll. Summer Courses/Funded FTE

2015-2016 General Assembly

Committee:	House Education - Community Colleges, if favorable, Appropriations	Date:	April 28, 2015
Introduced by:	Reps. McNeill, L. Johnson, Horn, Brody	Prepared by:	Denise Adams
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SUMMARY: *House Bill 579 would allow community college curriculum courses offered during the summer term to be included in state funding formulas.*

CURRENT LAW: The budget for the North Carolina Community College System (NCCCS) is calculated based on a Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) student. An FTE for budget purposes is determined to be a student who takes 256 credit hours a semester or 512 credit hours a year. The NCCCS budgeted enrollment for funding requests is calculated by using the average of the past two years of budgeted FTE or the highest of those two years.

Courses taught in the summer term are typically not utilized in this calculation and NCCCS does not receive State funding to teach them. In 2013, the General Assembly authorized community colleges to teach technical education, health care, developmental education, and STEM-related courses during the summer term and earn FTE.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 579 would allow community colleges to teach and earn FTE for all curriculum courses taught in the summer term.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This bill would be effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with the 2015 summer term.

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