



HOUSE BILL 956: Henderson County/Community College Projects.

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SUMMARY: *House Bill 956 would allow Henderson County to construct community college buildings on the campus of Blue Ridge Community College in Henderson County, provided the County funds the construction entirely with County funds.*

CURRENT LAW: Chapter 115D of the General Statutes (Community Colleges) requires approval by the State Board of Community Colleges before the expenditure of any State funds on capital improvements of existing community college institutions and before a community college may dispose, transfer, or acquire property. Chapter 143 gives the Department of Administration control of real property owned or leased by the State and control over architecture and engineering of community college buildings.

BILL ANALYSIS:

Section 1: Sets forth requirements that must be met in order for Henderson County to construct or renovate community college buildings located within Henderson County.

Section 2: Allows Henderson County and the Board of Trustees of Blue Ridge Community College to enter into a memorandum of understanding to allow Henderson County to construct community college buildings in a timely fashion and cost-efficient manner.

Section 3.(a): Sets a deadline of within 30 days of the effective date of this act for the Board of Trustees of Blue Ridge Community College to transfer title of the property to be utilized for the construction or renovation of community college buildings authorized in Section 1 to Henderson County. The property described is to be transferred for the life of any debt incurred against the property by Henderson County for the construction or renovation of the buildings.

Section 3.(b): Requires Henderson County to transfer the property back to the Board of Trustees of Blue Ridge Community College upon satisfaction of the debt incurred in the construction or renovation of the buildings. If no debt is incurred against the property by December 31, 2020, Henderson County must transfer the title back to the Board of Trustees.

Section 4: Allows Henderson County and the Board of Trustees of Blue Ridge Community College to enter into a lease agreement for any space in County-owned buildings located within Henderson County.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Sections 1 and 2 are effective when they become law and apply only to construction and renovation projects by Henderson County on the campus of Blue Ridge Community College located within Henderson County between January 1, 2015, and December 31, 2020. The remainder of the act is effective when it becomes law.

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