



# HOUSE BILL 12: Community College Boards of Trustees.

2017-2018 General Assembly

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<b>Introduced by:</b>	Reps. Burr, Iler, J. Bell	<b>Prepared by:</b>	Kara McCraw Staff Attorney
<b>Analysis of:</b>	Second Edition		

**OVERVIEW:** *The 2nd edition of HB 12 would change the appointing entity for four members of the board of trustees from the Governor to the General Assembly for the Brunswick, Cleveland, Craven, Davidson, Gaston, James Sprunt, Lenoir, Rowan-Cabarrus, and Stanly Community Colleges. HB 12 would also change the appointing entity for four members of the board of trustees of Cleveland Community College from the board of education to the county commissioners.*

**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. Of the remaining twelve members, they are appointed in groups of four 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.
- 2) The board(s) of commissioners of the county or counties in the administrative area of the institution.
- 3) The Governor.

S.L. 2011-175 created a local modification for Stanly Community College that eliminates appointments by the board of education and provides for eight members to be appointed by the county commissioners.

## BILL ANALYSIS:

**Changes in Appointments:** The 2nd edition of HB 12 would change the appointments for the following local boards of trustees of community colleges as follows:

- Require the General Assembly, rather than the Governor, to appoint four members of the board of trustees.
  - In 2017 and 2019, and every four years thereafter, the appointments would be made by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
  - In 2018 and 2020, and every four years thereafter, the appointments would be made by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.
  - This requirement would apply to Brunswick, Cleveland, Craven, Davidson County, Gaston, James Sprunt, Lenoir, Rowan-Cabarrus, and Stanly Community Colleges.

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- Require the county commissioners, rather than the board of education, to appoint an additional four members to the board of trustees. This requirement would apply to Cleveland Community College.

***Current Membership:*** Current members serving on the boards of trustees would serve the remainder of their terms, with appointments made under the amended statute as terms expire or vacancies occur. Vacancies occurring in seats appointed by the Governor would be filled on the joint recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** HB 12 would become effective when it becomes law.