



HOUSE BILL 656: College of Albemarle/Construction Funds.

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OVERVIEW: House Bill 656 exempts the College of the Albemarle from specified State property and contracting laws and authorizes contracts with specified counties for the renovation or construction of four community college facilities.

The PCS would:

- Require the county to return prorated funds to the College of the Albemarle in the event the lease is terminated at no fault of the college.
- Require the Connect NC proceeds to be spent on capital facilities for community college purposes.
- Remove the exemptions from Chapter 133 and Article 8 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes.
- Sunset the authority on July 1, 2022.

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: The PCS to House Bill 656:

- Exempts the College of the Albemarle from any provisions of law that require a community college to be the owner of real property to expend available State funds, including Connect NC Bond funds, for the construction and renovation of educational facilities on county property that is also leased for a period of at least 30 years to the College, including for the following pending projects:
 - Construction of two facilities and renovation of a third facility located in Dare County, which would house community college transfer programs and health care, public safety, and other vocational community college programs for adults and for high school students participating in Career and College Promise programs.
 - Construction of a public safety facility located in Currituck County for relocation of the community college's emergency services programs.
- Requires the Connect NC proceeds to be spent on capital facilities that are to be used for community college purposes.
- Authorizes the college to contract for the renovation or construction of educational facilities described in Section 1 with any of the counties within the service area of the College, without being subject to the provisions of G.S. 143-341 (Powers of the Department of Administration).

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act is effective when it becomes law.

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