



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

HOUSE BILL 656: College of Albemarle/Construction Funds.

2017-2018 General Assembly

Committee:	House State and Local Government I. If favorable, re-refer to Education - Community Colleges	Date:	April 19, 2017
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OVERVIEW: House Bill 656 exempts the College of Albemarle from specified State property and contracting laws, and authorizes contracts with specified counties, for the renovation or construction of four community college facilities.

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:

House Bill 656:

- Exempts the College of the Albemarle from any provisions of Chapter 115D of the General Statutes 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. for 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.
- 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 Chapter 133 of the General Statutes (Relocation Assistance), Article 8 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes (Public Contracts), and G.S. 143-341 (Powers of the Department of Administration).

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

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