



HOUSE BILL 1151: Asheville-Buncombe Bd. of Trustees.

2019-2020 General Assembly

Committee:	House State and Local Government. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	May 26, 2020
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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 1151 would modify the procedure to elect trustees to the Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College (AB Tech) to provide that the Asheville City Board of Education and the Buncombe County Board of Education would each be authorized to elect two trustees to the Board of Trustees of AB Tech. The act would apply to trustees elected on or after July 1, 2021.*

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 and serve four-year terms:

- The board of education of the public school administrative unit located in the administrative area of the institution. If the administrative area of the community college is 2 or more school administrative units, then the boards of education jointly elect the 4 trustees. The administrative area for AB Tech serves both Buncombe County and Madison County and the boards of education of all the public school administrative units located in that administrative area jointly elect four trustees.
- The board of commissioners of the county in which the institution is located. If the administrative area of the community college is 2 or more counties, then the boards of commissioners jointly elect the 4 trustees.
- The Governor.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 1151 would modify the procedure to elect trustees to AB Tech to provide that the Asheville City Board of Education and the Buncombe County Board of Education would each be authorized to elect two trustees to the Board of Trustees of AB Tech as follows:

- Two trustees would be elected by the Asheville City Board of Education as follows:
 - One trustee for a term commencing July 1, 2021, and quadrennially thereafter.
 - One trustee for a term commencing July 1, 2023, and quadrennially thereafter.
- Two trustees would be elected by the Buncombe County Board of Education as follows:
 - One trustee for a term commencing July 1, 2022, and quadrennially thereafter.
 - One trustee for a term commencing July 1, 2024, and quadrennially thereafter.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act would be effective when the bill becomes law and would apply to trustees elected on or after July 1, 2021.

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