



HOUSE BILL 463: Education in Prisons.

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OVERVIEW: *The 3rd edition of House Bill 463 would allow funds appropriated for community college courses for prison inmates to be used for Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, or Associate of General Education degrees.*

CURRENT LAW: Section 8.3 of S.L. 2010-31 provides that funds appropriated for community college courses for prison inmates cannot be used for Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, or Associate of General Education degrees.

G.S. 115D-5(c) requires that courses provided at State expense to any captive group of students must be approved by the State Board of Community Colleges. All courses approved for State prison inmates must be tied to clearly identified job skills, transition needs, or both. A course taught without this approval will not yield any FTE.

BILL ANALYSIS: HB 463 would remove the restriction that prohibits funds from being used for Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, and Associate of General Education degrees.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The bill would become effective July 1, 2020.

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