



HOUSE BILL 463: Education/Job Readiness in Prisons & Jails.

2019-2020 General Assembly

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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 463 would allow community colleges to earn FTE for courses taught in local jails.*

CURRENT LAW: Section 8.3 of Session Law 2010-31 provides that funds appropriated for community college courses for prison inmates must be used only for inmates in State prisons, not federal prisons or local jails. These funds cannot be used for Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, or Associate of General Education degrees. Courses taught in federal prisons and local jails cannot earn regular budget full-time equivalencies (FTE), but can be offered on a self-supporting basis.

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. HB 463 would also allow courses taught in local jails to earn regular budget FTE, if the courses are approved by the State Board, beginning with the 2019-2020 academic year.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The bill would become effective July 1, 2019.

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