



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

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

2019-2020 General Assembly

Committee:	House Education - Community Colleges. If favorable, re-refer to Education - Universities. If favorable, re-refer to Appropriations, Education. If favorable, re-refer to Appropriations. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	June 11, 2019
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OVERVIEW: House Bill 463 would do the following:

- Allow incarcerated individuals to be eligible for scholarships under the following: (i) Article 35A of Chapter 115C (lottery scholarships), (ii) the Community College Grant Program, (iii) The University of North Carolina Need-Based Financial Aid Program, and (iv) Article 34 of Chapter 115D (need-based aid for private colleges and universities).
- Make it prima facie evidence that the individual's legal residence is North Carolina if the individual is incarcerated in a State penal institution located in North Carolina.
- Allow community colleges to earn FTE for courses taught in local jails.

The PCS to HB 463 would remove Sections 1-5 of the bill and would only 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: The PCS to 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. The PCS 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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