



SENATE BILL 133: NCCCS Learning Management System.

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OVERVIEW: *Senate Bill 133 would do the following:*

- *Require the State Board of Community Colleges (SBCC) to conduct a competitive solicitation for a learning management system for all community colleges.*
- *Exempt the Community Colleges System Office from Department of Information Technology (DIT) procurement requirements.*

CURRENT LAW: Article 15 of Chapter 143B contains the law related to the Department of Information Technology (DIT). The DIT procures all information technology goods and services for participating agencies and approves procurements for separate agencies. Currently, the General Assembly, the Judicial Department, and The University of North Carolina and its constituent institutions are exempted from these requirements by G.S. 143B-1320(b). Under G.S. 143B-1320(c), any State agency can apply in writing to the State Chief Information Officer for approval to deviate from the provisions of Article 15 of Chapter 143B.

Notwithstanding the exemptions in G.S. 143B-1320(b) and (c), G.S. 143B-1377 requires that all information technology security goods, software, or services purchased using State funds, or for use by a State agency or in a State facility, are subject to the Statewide security and privacy standards adopted by the State Chief Information Officer.

BILL ANALYSIS: Part I would require the SBCC to conduct a competitive solicitation to provide a learning management system (LMS) to all community colleges by December 31, 2025. Answers to the competitive solicitation must include information about how the LMS would align with the systems (i) offered by the Department of Public Instruction and (ii) used by the constituent institutions of The University of North Carolina. The SBCC would be required to report to the Senate Appropriations Committee on Education/Higher Education, the House Appropriations Committee on Education, and the Fiscal Research Division on the information received by December 31, 2025.

Part II would exempt the Community Colleges System Office from the requirements of Article 15 of Chapter 143B. The System Office could elect to participate in the information technology programs, services, or contracts offered by the DIT, including information technology procurement, by having the SBCC elect to do so in writing.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Senate Bill 133 would be effective when it becomes law.

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