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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT DESIGNATING THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES SYSTEM OFFICE AS
2 THE PRIMARY LEAD AGENCY FOR DELIVERING WORKFORCE
3 DEVELOPMENT TRAINING, LITERACY, AND ADULT EDUCATION IN THE
4 STATE, AND TO ALLOW INTELLECTUALLY GIFTED YOUTHS TO
5 ATTEND COMMUNITY COLLEGES.
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7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115D-1 reads as rewritten:

9 "**§ 115D-1. Statement of purpose.**

10 The purposes of this Chapter are to provide for the establishment, organization, and
11 administration of a system of educational institutions throughout the State offering
12 courses of instruction in one or more of the general areas of two-year college parallel,
13 technical, vocational, and adult education programs, to serve as a legislative charter for
14 such institutions, and to authorize the levying of local taxes and the issuing of local
15 bonds for the support thereof. The major purpose of each and every institution operating
16 under the provisions of this Chapter shall be and shall continue to be the offering of
17 vocational and technical education and training, and of basic, high school level,
18 academic education needed in order to profit from vocational and technical education,
19 for students who are high school graduates or who are beyond the compulsory age limit
20 of the public school system and who have left the public schools, provided, juveniles of
21 any age committed to the Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
22 by a court of competent jurisdiction may, if approved by the director of the youth
23 development center to which they are assigned, take courses offered by institutions of
24 the system if they are otherwise qualified for admission.

25 The Community Colleges System Office is designated as the primary lead agency
26 for delivering workforce development training, adult literacy training, and adult
27 education programs in the State."

1 **SECTION 2.** Section 4 of S.L. 2001-312, as amended by Section 76 of S.L.
2 2001-487, reads as rewritten:

3 **"SECTION 4.** Section 2 of this act is effective when it becomes law, and shall
4 apply ~~to~~ beginning with the 2001-2002 academic year. Section 2 of this act expires
5 September 1, ~~2004-2008~~. The remainder of this act is effective when it becomes law."

6 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 115D-1.1, as reenacted by Section 2 of this act, reads as
7 rewritten:

8 **"§ 115D-1.1. Discretion in admissions.**

9 (a) Notwithstanding G.S. 115D-1, a student under the age of 16 may enroll in a
10 community college if the following conditions are met:

11 (1) The president of the community college or the president's designee
12 finds, based on criteria established by the State Board of Community
13 Colleges, that the student is intellectually gifted and that the student
14 has the maturity to justify admission to the community college; and

15 (2) One of the following persons approves the student's enrollment in a
16 community college:

17 a. The local board of education, or the board's designee, for the
18 local school administrative unit in which the student is
19 domiciled or is enrolled.

20 b. The administrator, or the administrator's designee, of the
21 nonpublic school in which the student is enrolled.

22 c. The person who provides the academic instruction in the home
23 school in which the student is enrolled.

24 d. The designee of the board of directors of the charter school in
25 which the student is enrolled.

26 e. The administrator of the college or university where the student
27 is enrolled.

28 (b) The State Board of Community Colleges, in consultation with the Department
29 of Public Instruction, shall adopt rules to implement this section."

30 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.