GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

SESSION 2007

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HOUSE BILL 391

Short Title:	Comm. Coll. Child Care Grant Program Funds.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Representatives Ross, Dickson, Bryant, Farmer-Butterfield (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Allen, Bordsen, Carney, Coates, Faison, Fisher, Glazier, Hall, Harrison, Howard, Insko, Jeffus, Johnson, Justice, Justus, Martin, McAllister, McLawhorn, Parmon, Pierce, Stiller, Underhill, Wainwright, Weiss, Wiley, Wilkins, Womble, and Wray.	
Referred to:	Appropriations.	

February 28, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE CHILD CARE PROGRAM.

Whereas, the cost of child care is a significant barrier to many students accessing higher education; and

Whereas, many students are in danger of dropping out or not enrolling at all because they cannot afford child care while they are attending classes; and

Whereas, to alleviate the problem, the General Assembly has appropriated funds for the Community College Child Care Program; and

Whereas, this program provides funding for child care services at each community college to assist student parents enrolled in that community college; and

Whereas, funding for this program is very limited and serves only an average of 1,100 students a year; and

Whereas, approximately 1,400 students remain unserved under the current level of funding; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Community Colleges System Office the sum of two million one hundred thousand dollars ($2,100,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year and the sum of two million one hundred thousand dollars ($2,100,000) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year to provide additional funds for the Community College Child Care Program.

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.