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Representative B. Turner

1 moves to amend the bill on page 1, line 31, by increasing the requirements for the 2019-2020
2 fiscal year by \$10,000,000 and increasing the requirements for the 2020-2021 fiscal year by
3 \$20,000,000; and

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5 on page 3, line 41, by decreasing the requirements for the 2019-2020 fiscal year by \$10,000,000
6 and by decreasing the requirements for the 2020-2021 fiscal year by \$20,000,000; and

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8 on page 27, lines 32-33, by inserting between those lines the following new sections to read:

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10 **"NC GETTING READY FOR OPPORTUNITIES IN THE WORKFORCE (NC GROW)**
11 **SCHOLARSHIPS/FUNDS**

12 **SECTION 6.7.(a)** There is established the North Carolina Getting Ready for
13 Opportunities in the Workforce (NC GROW) Scholarship Program to be administered by the
14 North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority (Authority) in collaboration with the State
15 Board of Community Colleges.

16 **SECTION 6.7.(b)** The State Board of Community Colleges, in collaboration with
17 the Department of Commerce, shall determine the eligible programs of study for the NC GROW
18 scholarships. The eligible programs of study shall include programs in architecture and
19 construction, health sciences, information technology, and manufacturing and may include other
20 programs to meet local workforce needs.

21 **SECTION 6.7.(c)** The Community Colleges System Office shall contract with the
22 Authority to administer awards under the NC GROW Scholarship Program. The Authority is
23 authorized to administer this program consistent with the manner in which it administers grants
24 to community college students qualifying for the Scholarships for Needy Students program under
25 Article 35A of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes and the Need-Based Assistance program
26 under G.S. 115D-40.1, so that no qualifying North Carolina student incurs costs of tuition and
27 selected fees to attend a community college beginning with the 2020-2021 academic year.
28 Beginning with the 2019-2020 fiscal year, of the funds appropriated to the Community Colleges
29 System Office for the NC GROW Scholarship Program, the sum of up to five hundred thousand
30 dollars (\$500,000) may be used for program administration and outreach to encourage students
31 to pursue coursework in the selected programs of study.



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1 **SECTION 6.7.(d)** The State Board of Community Colleges shall establish criteria
2 for initial and continuing eligibility to participate in the NC GROW Scholarship Program. At a
3 minimum, the student shall meet the following criteria:

- 4 (1) Be a legal resident of North Carolina for tuition purposes.
- 5 (2) Be enrolled in an eligible program of study in areas of high, in-demand
6 training.
- 7 (3) Have unmet financial need for tuition and selected fees remaining after
8 exhausting eligibility for federal and other State-funded financial aid.
- 9 (4) Maintain a 2.0 or higher grade point average to remain eligible for this
10 assistance in future years.
- 11 (5) Maintain satisfactory academic progress, as determined by the community
12 college.

13 **SECTION 6.7.(e)** The Community Colleges System Office and the Authority shall
14 report annually to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee on the following:

- 15 (1) The number of students receiving awards.
- 16 (2) The average award per recipient.
- 17 (3) The enrollment (by headcount and full-time equivalency (FTE)) in each
18 selected program of study.
- 19 (4) The number of graduates produced in each selected program of study.
- 20 (5) The graduation rate of students receiving a scholarship grant under this
21 program.

22 **SECTION 6.7.(f)** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the funds
23 appropriated by this act for the 2019-2021 fiscal biennium to the Community Colleges System
24 Office shall be increased by (i) five million dollars (\$5,000,000) in recurring funds for the 2019-
25 2020 fiscal year and (ii) an additional five million dollars (\$5,000,000) in recurring funds for the
26 2020-2021 fiscal year to implement NC GROW in accordance with this section.

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28 **"NC GROW SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INDUSTRY CREDENTIALS/FUNDS**

29 **SECTION 6.8.(a)** There is established the North Carolina Getting Ready for
30 Opportunities in the Workforce Financial Aid for Students Seeking Industry Credentials Program
31 (NC GROW-IC) to be administered by the State Board of Community Colleges.

32 **SECTION 6.8.(b)** The State Board of Community Colleges, in collaboration with
33 the Department of Commerce, shall determine the eligible programs of study for NC GROW-IC.
34 The eligible programs of study shall include programs in architecture and construction, health
35 sciences, information technology, electrical work, and manufacturing and may include other
36 programs to meet local workforce needs.

37 **SECTION 6.8.(c)** Beginning with the 2019-2020 fiscal year, the State Board of
38 Community Colleges shall determine the allocation of awards to students pursuing short-term,
39 noncredit State and industry workforce credentials. These funds shall be used to assist students
40 with any education-related costs incurred while in pursuit of these credentials.

41 **SECTION 6.8.(d)** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the funds
42 appropriated by this act for the 2019-2021 fiscal biennium to the Board of Governors for the
43 Opportunity Scholarship Grant Fund Reserve shall be decreased by (i) ten million dollars

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1 (\$10,000,000) in recurring funds for the 2019-2020 fiscal year and (ii) an additional ten million
2 dollars (\$10,000,000) in recurring funds for the 2020-2021 fiscal year as provided in G.S. 115C-
3 562.8(b), as amended by this section.

4 **SECTION 6.8.(e)** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the funds
5 appropriated by this act for the 2019-2021 fiscal biennium to the Community Colleges System
6 Office shall be increased by (i) five million dollars (\$5,000,000) in recurring funds for the 2019-
7 2020 fiscal year and (ii) an additional five million dollars (\$5,000,000) in recurring funds for the
8 2020-2021 fiscal year to implement NC GROW-IC in accordance with this section.

9 For the 2019-2020 fiscal year, of the funds appropriated to the Community Colleges System
10 Office for NC GROW-IC, up to five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) may be used (i) to
11 administer the program and for outreach to encourage students to pursue coursework in the
12 selected programs of study. Beginning with the 2020-2021 fiscal year, of the funds appropriated
13 to the Community Colleges System Office for the NC GROW-IC, up to two hundred thousand
14 dollars (\$200,000) may be used to administer the program and for program outreach.

15 **SECTION 6.8.(f)** G.S. 115C-562.8(b) reads as rewritten:

16 "(b) The General Assembly finds that, due to the critical need in this State to provide
17 opportunity for school choice for North Carolina students, it is imperative that the State provide
18 an increase of funds of ~~at least ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) each fiscal year for 10 years~~ to
19 the Opportunity Scholarship Grant Fund Reserve. Therefore, there is appropriated from the
20 General Fund to the Reserve the following amounts for each fiscal year to be used for the
21 purposes set forth in this section:

Fiscal Year	Appropriation
2017-2018	\$44,840,000
2018-2019	\$54,840,000
2019-2020	\$64,840,000 \$54,840,000
2020-2021	\$74,840,000 \$54,840,000
2021-2022	\$84,840,000 \$64,840,000
2022-2023	\$94,840,000 \$74,840,000
2023-2024	\$104,840,000 \$84,840,000
2024-2025	\$114,840,000 \$94,840,000
2025-2026	\$124,840,000 \$104,840,000
2026-2027	\$134,840,000 \$114,840,000

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33 For the 2027-2028 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, there is appropriated from the
34 General Fund to the Reserve the sum of one hundred ~~forty-four~~ forty-two million eight hundred
35 forty thousand dollars (~~\$144,840,000~~) (\$124,840,000) to be used for the purposes set forth in this
36 section. When developing the base budget, as defined by G.S. 143C-1-1, for each fiscal year
37 specified in this subsection, the Director of the Budget shall include the appropriated amount
38 specified in this subsection for that fiscal year."

39 **SECTION 6.8.(g)** G.S. 115C-562.2(b1) is repealed."; and

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41 by adjusting the appropriate totals accordingly.

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