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H 2254. COMMUNITY COLLEGES/TOBACCO FREE. Filed 5/19/08. *TO PROTECT COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS AND STAFF, AS WELL AS VISITING PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS, FROM EXPOSURE TO TOBACCO BY AUTHORIZING LOCAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES TO ADOPT WRITTEN POLICIES PROHIBITING THE USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS IN BUILDINGS, IN COMMUNITY COLLEGE FACILITIES, ON COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAMPUSES, OR AT COMMUNITY COLLEGE-RELATED OR COMMUNITY COLLEGE-SPONSORED EVENTS, AND IN OR ON OTHER COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROPERTY, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JUSTUS-WARREN HEART DISEASE AND STROKE PREVENTION TASK FORCE.*

Adds new GS 115D-25.4 as title indicates. Policies may include notices, signs, enforcement and use of tobacco products in instructional or research activities. Directs Tobacco Prevention and Control Branch and Health and Wellness Trust Fund Commission to provide assistance with the development and implementation of the policy including information on smoking cessation and prevention efforts.

Intro. by Weiss, Williams.

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H 2254. COMMUNITY COLLEGES/TOBACCO FREE. Filed 5/19/08. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Removes *whereas* clauses. Amends GS 130A-498 to exempt community colleges from the definition of *local government*.

Changes the proposed new section in Article 2 of GS 115D to GS 115D-20.1 (was, GS 115D-25.4) and makes a clarifying change to the caption to reflect that this section provides authority and guidance for developing a *policy* prohibiting tobacco use. Specifies that the policy may prohibit the use of tobacco products by people attending any community college-sponsored event (was, requiring the presence of students or personnel or in an area where smoking is otherwise legally prohibited). Adds vehicles owned, leased, or operated by the local community college to the list of places where the use of tobacco products may be prohibited. Changes the requirement that community college personnel enforce the policy to instead require the development of plans for successful implementation and compliance. Makes technical and conforming changes.

Makes conforming and clarifying changes to the title to read: *AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE AUTHORITY OF AND PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO LOCAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES IN ADOPTING WRITTEN POLICIES PROHIBITING THE USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS IN BUILDINGS, ON COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAMPUSES, AT COMMUNITY COLLEGE SPONSORED EVENTS, AND IN OR ON OTHER COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROPERTY, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JUSTUS-WARREN HEART DISEASE AND STROKE PREVENTION TASK FORCE.*