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**S 933. STUDENTS UNDER 16 MAY ATTEND COMM. COLLEGE.** Filed 3/25/09. *TO REENACT AND CLARIFY THE STATUTE AUTHORIZING INTELLECTUALLY GIFTED STUDENTS UNDER THE AGE OF SIXTEEN TO ATTEND COMMUNITY COLLEGE.*

Amends Section 4 of SL 2001-312, as amended, to reenact, effective March 1, 2009, the statute authorizing intellectually gifted students less than 16 years of age to attend community college. Under current law, the authorization expired September 1, 2008.

Amends GS 115D-1.1, as re-enacted, to provide that a student who is 14 or 15 years old (was, under the age of 16) may enroll in a community college subject to the finding by the president of the community college or the president's designee that the student meets the prescribed criteria and if the student receives approval for enrollment from (1) the student's local board of education or the board's designee, (2) the administrator or designee of the nonpublic school the student attends, (3) the person who provides the academic instruction in the home school the student attends, (4) the designee of the board of directors of the charter school the student attends, or (5) the administrator of the college or university where the student is enrolled. Additionally, provides that despite provisions of GS 115D-1.2 requiring an enrollee in a Learn and Earn Online course (L&E) through a community college to be in one of the grades from 9 through 12, a student under the age of 14 may enroll in a L&E course through a community college for college credit if one of the persons identified in items one through four above approves the student's enrollment.

Directs the State Board of Community Colleges, in consultation with the Department of Public Instruction, to adopt rules to implement this section as reenacted.

**Intro. by Clary.**

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