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Short Title: Community College Remediation Pilot Project. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Brody, Horn, and Arp (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REMEDIATION PILOT PROJECT AT SOUTH PIEDMONT
3 COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.(a)** A four-year remediation Pilot Project is established at South
6 Piedmont Community College. The purpose of the Pilot Project is to implement a program that
7 will (i) increase high school graduation rates and community college completion rates in Union
8 and Anson Counties and (ii) serve as a model for the rest of the State.

9 **SECTION 1.(b)** The Pilot Project shall consist of two components:

10 (1) Identification and remediation of high school students who do not meet
11 community college entrance requirements. This component shall be
12 implemented as follows:

13 a. South Piedmont Community College shall administer a college
14 competency examination to a representative population of high
15 school sophomores, juniors, and seniors in the Union County Public
16 Schools, the Anson County Schools, or both.

17 b. Students who are determined by the examination to be deficient in
18 mathematics, English, or reading skills shall have the opportunity to
19 be enrolled during their junior or senior years in community college
20 remediation courses in lieu of other high school graduation
21 completion electives.

22 Participating students shall be included in the average daily
23 membership of the local school administrative unit and the budget
24 FTE of South Piedmont Community College.

25 c. Students successfully completing community college remediation
26 courses may continue their education under the Career and College
27 Promise program.

28 d. South Piedmont Community College shall report to the Joint
29 Legislative Education Oversight Committee (i) on the
30 implementation of this component of the Pilot Project by February
31 15, 2016, and (ii) on its impact on the college readiness of
32 participating students annually by September 15, 2016, through
33 September 15, 2020.

34 e. No State funds shall be used to develop and administer the college
35 competency examination or to determine the impact of the Pilot
36 Project on college readiness.



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- 1 f. During the Pilot Project, students electing to participate in this
2 program shall not be calculated in the local school administrative
3 unit's graduation or dropout rates or in the South Piedmont
4 Community College performance funding metrics. These students
5 shall be regarded as transfer students from the local school
6 administrative unit to South Piedmont Community College.
- 7 (2) Authorization for high school students who are at high risk of dropping out
8 of school to complete high school at South Piedmont Community College.
9 This component shall be implemented as follows:
- 10 a. South Piedmont Community College and the each participating local
11 school administrative unit shall sign a memorandum of
12 understanding for a recovery program for students at high risk of
13 dropping out of school to complete high school in an alternative
14 setting. Under this memorandum of understanding, students with no
15 serious disciplinary experience who are at high risk of dropping out
16 of school may, with the consent of the local school administrative
17 unit and South Piedmont Community College, earn a high school
18 diploma at South Piedmont Community College.
- 19 b. The participating students and their parents shall sign a contract with
20 the high school and college agreeing to the terms and conditions of
21 the program.
- 22 c. South Piedmont Community College shall generate budget FTE for
23 these students.

24 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2015.