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moves to amend the bill on page 1, line 33, by increasing the amount for the 2017-2018 fiscal year by $500,000 and increasing the amount for the 2018-2019 fiscal year by $20,000,000; and

on page 2, line 32, by decreasing the amount for the 2017-2018 fiscal year by $10,000,000 and by decreasing the amount for the 2018-2019 fiscal year by $20,000,000; and

on page 5, line 41, by decreasing the reduction for the 2017-2018 fiscal year by $9,500,000; and

on page 13, line 37, through page 14, line 3, by rewriting the lines to read:

"an increase of funds of at least ten million dollars ($10,000,000) each fiscal year for 10 years to the Opportunity Scholarship Grant Fund Reserve. Therefore, there is appropriated from the General Fund to the Reserve the following amounts for each fiscal year to be used for the purposes set forth in this section:

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For the 2027-2028 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, there is appropriated from the General Fund to the Reserve the sum of one hundred forty-two million eight hundred forty thousand dollars ($144,840,000) to be used for the purposes set forth in this section. In”; and

on page 14, lines 6-7, by inserting between those lines a new subsection to read:
"SECTION 6.6.(b1) G.S. 115C-562.2(b1) is repealed."; and

on page 66, lines 12-13, by inserting between those lines the following new section to read:

"FUND NC GROW/REDUCE OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

SECTION 9.10.(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the funds appropriated by this act for the 2017-2019 fiscal biennium to the Board of Governors for the Opportunity Scholarship Grant Fund Reserve shall be decreased (i) for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, by ten million dollars ($10,000,000) in nonrecurring funds and (ii) for the 2018-2019 fiscal year, by twenty million dollars ($20,000,000) in recurring funds as provided in G.S. 115C-562.8, as amended by Section 6.6 of this act.

SECTION 9.10.(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the funds appropriated by this act for the 2017-2019 fiscal biennium to the Community College System Office shall be increased (i) for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, by five hundred thousand dollars ($500,000) in nonrecurring funds and (ii) for the 2018-2019 fiscal year by twenty million dollars ($20,000,000) in recurring funds to be used to administer the North Carolina Getting Ready for Opportunities in the Workforce (NC GROW) scholarship program established in subsections (c), (d), and (e) of this section.

SECTION 9.10.(c) There is established the North Carolina Getting Ready for Opportunities in the Workforce (NC GROW) scholarship program (Program) to provide scholarships to enable recent high school graduates to enroll in a community college free of tuition and fees in accordance with this section. Subject to the limitations set forth in this section, the State Board of Community Colleges is authorized to (i) administer the Program consistent with the manner in which it administers funds to community college students qualifying for the Scholarships for Needy Students program under Article 35A of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes and the Need-Based Assistance program under G.S. 115D-40.1 and (ii) utilize criteria in the selection of community college students for the Program so that no qualifying North Carolina student incurs costs of tuition and selected fees to attend a community college beginning with the 2018-2019 fiscal year. The State Board of Community Colleges may contract with the State Education Assistance Authority (Authority) to administer the Program. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the funds appropriated for the Program be disbursed after funds are first awarded to students eligible for the Scholarships for Needy Students program, the Need-Based Assistance program, or both. Funds may then be appropriated under this Program to those students who do not demonstrate need sufficient to qualify for other financial assistance programs. The State Board of Community Colleges shall establish criteria for determining eligibility for community college students that includes at least the following:

(1) The student is a legal resident of North Carolina for tuition purposes.
(2) The student graduated from a North Carolina high school or attained a high school equivalency certificate within 18 months of the first semester for which funds are disbursed.
(3) The student has a minimum GPA of 2.0.
(4) The student is enrolled at least half-time at a community college. Funds shall not be disbursed to a student until it is confirmed from the enrolling
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SECTION 9.10.(d) A student may receive a scholarship under the Program for
subsequent terms of enrollment provided that the student maintains satisfactory academic
progress, as determined by the community college, and has not received the scholarship for
more than six consecutive semesters. The State Board of Community Colleges may establish a
minimum scholarship amount of not less than fifty dollars ($50.00) per semester for full-time
enrollment.

SECTION 9.10.(e) Consistent with the provisions for other financial assistance
programs administered pursuant to G.S. 115D-40.1(c), funds appropriated for the Program shall
not revert at the end of each fiscal year but shall remain available until expended for the
operation of the Program. If the interest earnings on the funds appropriated for this Program are
not sufficient to cover administrative costs for the Program, the State Board of Community
Colleges may use up to one and one-half percent (1.5%) of funds appropriated for the Program
each fiscal year to support the costs of administering the Program, including contracting with
the Authority to administer the Program. Beginning with the 2017-2018 fiscal year, of the
funds appropriated for the Program, the State Board of Community Colleges may use up to five
hundred thousand dollars ($500,000) to market NC GROW to prospective recipients.
Beginning with the 2018-2019 fiscal year, any remaining funds shall be used to award
scholarships to students in accordance with the requirements of the section."; and
by adjusting the appropriate totals accordingly.

SIGNED ___________________________________________
Amendment Sponsor

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Committee Chair if Senate Committee Amendment

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