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AMENDMENT  
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Senator Robinson

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

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

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

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

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

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>
2017-2018	\$44,840,000\$34,840,000
2018-2019	\$54,840,000\$34,840,000
2019-2020	\$64,840,000\$44,840,000
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

27 For the 2027-2028 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, there is appropriated from the  
28 General Fund to the Reserve the sum of one hundred ~~forty-four~~twenty-four million eight  
29 hundred forty thousand dollars (~~\$144,840,000~~)(\$124,840,000) to be used for the purposes set  
30 forth in this section. In"; and

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32 on page 14, lines 6-7, by inserting between those lines a new subsection to read:



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1           **"SECTION 6.6.(b1)** G.S. 115C-562.2(b1) is repealed."; and

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

4           **"FUND NC GROW/REDUCE OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS**

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

11          **SECTION 9.10.(b)** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the funds  
12          appropriated by this act for the 2017-2019 fiscal biennium to the Community College System  
13          Office shall be increased (i) for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, by five hundred thousand dollars  
14          (\$500,000) in nonrecurring funds and (ii) for the 2018-2019 fiscal year by twenty million  
15          dollars (\$20,000,000) in recurring funds to be used to administer the North Carolina Getting  
16          Ready for Opportunities in the Workforce (NC GROW) scholarship program established in  
17          subsections (c), (d), and (e) of this section.

18          **SECTION 9.10.(c)** There is established the North Carolina Getting Ready for  
19          Opportunities in the Workforce (NC GROW) scholarship program (Program) to provide  
20          scholarships to enable recent high school graduates to enroll in a community college free of  
21          tuition and fees in accordance with this section. Subject to the limitations set forth in this  
22          section, the State Board of Community Colleges is authorized to (i) administer the Program  
23          consistent with the manner in which it administers funds to community college students  
24          qualifying for the Scholarships for Needy Students program under Article 35A of Chapter  
25          115C of the General Statutes and the Need-Based Assistance program under G.S. 115D-40.1  
26          and (ii) utilize criteria in the selection of community college students for the Program so that no  
27          qualifying North Carolina student incurs costs of tuition and selected fees to attend a  
28          community college beginning with the 2018-2019 fiscal year. The State Board of Community  
29          Colleges may contract with the State Education Assistance Authority (Authority) to administer  
30          the Program. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the funds appropriated for the  
31          Program be disbursed after funds are first awarded to students eligible for the Scholarships for  
32          Needy Students program, the Need-Based Assistance program, or both. Funds may then be  
33          appropriated under this Program to those students who do not demonstrate need sufficient to  
34          qualify for other financial assistance programs. The State Board of Community Colleges shall  
35          establish criteria for determining eligibility for community college students that includes at  
36          least the following:

- 37               (1)     The student is a legal resident of North Carolina for tuition purposes.  
38               (2)     The student graduated from a North Carolina high school or attained a high  
39                       school equivalency certificate within 18 months of the first semester for  
40                       which funds are disbursed.  
41               (3)     The student has a minimum GPA of 2.0.  
42               (4)     The student is enrolled at least half-time at a community college. Funds shall  
43                       not be disbursed to a student until it is confirmed from the enrolling

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1 community college that the student meets the high school graduation and  
2 GPA standards for the scholarship.  
3 **SECTION 9.10.(d)** A student may receive a scholarship under the Program for  
4 subsequent terms of enrollment provided that the student maintains satisfactory academic  
5 progress, as determined by the community college, and has not received the scholarship for  
6 more than six consecutive semesters. The State Board of Community Colleges may establish a  
7 minimum scholarship amount of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) per semester for full-time  
8 enrollment.  
9 **SECTION 9.10.(e)** Consistent with the provisions for other financial assistance  
10 programs administered pursuant to G.S. 115D-40.1(c), funds appropriated for the Program shall  
11 not revert at the end of each fiscal year but shall remain available until expended for the  
12 operation of the Program. If the interest earnings on the funds appropriated for this Program are  
13 not sufficient to cover administrative costs for the Program, the State Board of Community  
14 Colleges may use up to one and one-half percent (1.5%) of funds appropriated for the Program  
15 each fiscal year to support the costs of administering the Program, including contracting with  
16 the Authority to administer the Program. Beginning with the 2017-2018 fiscal year, of the  
17 funds appropriated for the Program, the State Board of Community Colleges may use up to five  
18 hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to market NC GROW to prospective recipients.  
19 Beginning with the 2018-2019 fiscal year, any remaining funds shall be used to award  
20 scholarships to students in accordance with the requirements of the section."; and  
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22 by adjusting the appropriate totals accordingly.

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_  
Amendment Sponsor

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Committee Chair if Senate Committee Amendment

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