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Representative B. Turner

moves to amend the bill on page 1, line 31, by increasing the requirements for the 2019-2020 fiscal year by $10,000,000 and increasing the requirements for the 2020-2021 fiscal year by $20,000,000; and

on page 3, line 41, by decreasing the requirements for the 2019-2020 fiscal year by $10,000,000 and by decreasing the requirements for the 2020-2021 fiscal year by $20,000,000; and

on page 27, lines 32-33, by inserting between those lines the following new sections to read:

"NC GETTING READY FOR OPPORTUNITIES IN THE WORKFORCE (NC GROW) SCHOLARSHIPS/FUNDS

SECTION 6.7.(a) There is established the North Carolina Getting Ready for Opportunities in the Workforce (NC GROW) Scholarship Program to be administered by the North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority (Authority) in collaboration with the State Board of Community Colleges.

SECTION 6.7.(b) The State Board of Community Colleges, in collaboration with the Department of Commerce, shall determine the eligible programs of study for the NC GROW scholarships. The eligible programs of study shall include programs in architecture and construction, health sciences, information technology, and manufacturing and may include other programs to meet local workforce needs.

SECTION 6.7.(c) The Community Colleges System Office shall contract with the Authority to administer awards under the NC GROW Scholarship Program. The Authority is authorized to administer this program consistent with the manner in which it administers grants 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, so that no qualifying North Carolina student incurs costs of tuition and selected fees to attend a community college beginning with the 2020-2021 academic year. Beginning with the 2019-2020 fiscal year, of the funds appropriated to the Community Colleges System Office for the NC GROW Scholarship Program, the sum of up to five hundred thousand dollars ($500,000) may be used for program administration and outreach to encourage students to pursue coursework in the selected programs of study.
SECTION 6.7.(d) The State Board of Community Colleges shall establish criteria for initial and continuing eligibility to participate in the NC GROW Scholarship Program. At a minimum, the student shall meet the following criteria:

1. Be a legal resident of North Carolina for tuition purposes.
2. Be enrolled in an eligible program of study in areas of high, in-demand training.
3. Have unmet financial need for tuition and selected fees remaining after exhausting eligibility for federal and other State-funded financial aid.
4. Maintain a 2.0 or higher grade point average to remain eligible for this assistance in future years.
5. Maintain satisfactory academic progress, as determined by the community college.

SECTION 6.7.(e) The Community Colleges System Office and the Authority shall report annually to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee on the following:

1. The number of students receiving awards.
2. The average award per recipient.
3. The enrollment (by headcount and full-time equivalency (FTE)) in each selected program of study.
4. The number of graduates produced in each selected program of study.
5. The graduation rate of students receiving a scholarship grant under this program.

SECTION 6.7.(f) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the funds appropriated by this act for the 2019-2021 fiscal biennium to the Community Colleges System Office shall be increased by (i) five million dollars ($5,000,000) in recurring funds for the 2019-2020 fiscal year and (ii) an additional five million dollars ($5,000,000) in recurring funds for the 2020-2021 fiscal year to implement NC GROW in accordance with this section.

"NC GROW SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INDUSTRY CREDENTIALS/FUNDS

SECTION 6.8.(a) There is established the North Carolina Getting Ready for Opportunities in the Workforce Financial Aid for Students Seeking Industry Credentials Program (NC GROW-IC) to be administered by the State Board of Community Colleges.

SECTION 6.8.(b) The State Board of Community Colleges, in collaboration with the Department of Commerce, shall determine the eligible programs of study for NC GROW-IC. The eligible programs of study shall include programs in architecture and construction, health sciences, information technology, electrical work, and manufacturing and may include other programs to meet local workforce needs.

SECTION 6.8.(c) Beginning with the 2019-2020 fiscal year, the State Board of Community Colleges shall determine the allocation of awards to students pursuing short-term, noncredit State and industry workforce credentials. These funds shall be used to assist students with any education-related costs incurred while in pursuit of these credentials.

SECTION 6.8.(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the funds appropriated by this act for the 2019-2021 fiscal biennium to the Board of Governors for the Opportunity Scholarship Grant Fund Reserve shall be decreased by (i) ten million dollars
($10,000,000) in recurring funds for the 2019-2020 fiscal year and (ii) an additional ten million
dollars ($10,000,000) in recurring funds for the 2020-2021 fiscal year as provided in G.S. 115C-
562.8(b), as amended by this section.

SECTION 6.8.(e) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the funds
appropriated by this act for the 2019-2021 fiscal biennium to the Community Colleges System
Office shall be increased by (i) five million dollars ($5,000,000) in recurring funds for the 2019-
2020 fiscal year and (ii) an additional five million dollars ($5,000,000) in recurring funds for the
2020-2021 fiscal year to implement NC GROW-IC in accordance with this section.

For the 2019-2020 fiscal year, of the funds appropriated to the Community Colleges System
Office for NC GROW-IC, up to five hundred thousand dollars ($500,000) may be used (i) to
administer the program and for outreach to encourage students to pursue coursework in the
selected programs of study. Beginning with the 2020-2021 fiscal year, of the funds appropriated
to the Community Colleges System Office for the NC GROW-IC, up to two hundred thousand
dollars ($200,000) may be used to administer the program and for program outreach.

SECTION 6.8.(f) G.S. 115C-562.8(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) The General Assembly finds that, due to the critical need in this State to provide
opportunity for school choice for North Carolina students, it is imperative that the State provide
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-four million eight hundred
forty thousand dollars ($144,840,000) ($124,840,000) to be used for the purposes set forth in this
section. When developing the base budget, as defined by G.S. 143C-1-1, for each fiscal year
specified in this subsection, the Director of the Budget shall include the appropriated amount
specified in this subsection for that fiscal year."

SECTION 6.8.(g) G.S. 115C-562.2(b1) is repealed."; and

by adjusting the appropriate totals accordingly.
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