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SENATE BILL DRS45275-BN-2

Short Title: Multicampus Center Recognition. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Galey (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO GRANT
3 MULTICAMPUS CENTER STATUS TO OFF-CAMPUS INSTRUCTIONAL SITES
4 MEETING CERTAIN CRITERIA.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.(a)** The State Board of Community Colleges shall approve an
7 application from a community college requesting that an off-campus instructional site be
8 recognized as a multicampus center if the off-campus instructional site meets the following
9 criteria:

- 10 (1) The community college has owned and operated the site for more than 10
11 years.
- 12 (2) The site is recognized as an off-campus instructional site by the community
13 college's accrediting agency.
- 14 (3) The community college provides a program unique to the service area that
15 offers an associate degree, a diploma, and at least one certificate through a day
16 or evening program with courses offered in English and Spanish at the site.
- 17 (4) The site serves an economically challenged and mobility-limited community
18 with a higher percentage of African American and Hispanic or Latino
19 population than the county-wide percentage.
- 20 (5) The site is located in the largest city in the community college's service area
21 and within 2.5 miles of a public transportation hub.
- 22 (6) The community college has been supported by local general obligation bonds
23 of greater than thirty-five million dollars (\$35,000,000).
- 24 (7) The site has averaged more than 300 budget FTE annually over the past five
25 academic years.
- 26 (8) The site is located at least 15 miles from a community college site serving a
27 county contiguous to the applicant community college's service area.

28 **SECTION 1.(b)** A community college seeking to have an off-campus instructional
29 site meeting the criteria established in subsection (a) of this section recognized as a multicampus
30 center shall submit an application to the State Board of Community Colleges no later than
31 September 1, 2023. The State Board of Community Colleges shall approve an application
32 meeting the criteria established in subsection (a) of this section no later than January 31, 2024.

33 **SECTION 1.(c)** An off-campus instructional site recognized as a multicampus center
34 pursuant to this section shall continue to be recognized as a multicampus center as long as the
35 site meets the criteria established in subsection (a) of this section.

36 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

