

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2007**

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**HOUSE BILL 979\***

Short Title: Tri-County Community College Funds. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representative West.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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March 22, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE  
2 VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL TRAINING FACILITY ON THE GRAHAM  
3 COUNTY CAMPUS OF THE TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE.  
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5 Whereas, plans have been made to construct the Vocational and Technical  
6 Training Building on the Graham County campus of the Tri-County Community  
7 College to house machinist, automotive, and retraining programs for recently laid-off  
8 workers; and

9 Whereas, the facility will ease overcrowding that is being experienced from  
10 the growth of the college and the immense need to retrain the greater Graham County  
11 working community; and

12 Whereas, Stanley Furniture, the largest employer in Graham County, has  
13 recently announced that it will cease to operate in Graham County and has announced  
14 that it will lay off all of its employees; and

15 Whereas, the closure of Stanley Furniture has created both a job and industry  
16 vacuum that can only be remedied by retraining these laid-off employees; and

17 Whereas, the Vocational and Technical Training Building will cost  
18 \$1,400,000, of which Tri-County Community College will provide \$350,000; and

19 Whereas, additional funds are needed to begin construction of this facility;

20 Now, therefore,

21 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

22 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Community  
23 Colleges System Office the sum of one million fifty thousand dollars (\$1,050,000) for  
24 the 2007-2008 fiscal year for the construction of the Vocational and Technical Training  
25 Building on the Graham County campus of the Tri-County Community College.

26 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.