

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 485*

Short Title: Community College Developmental Courses. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Clodfelter; and Hartsell.

Referred to: Education/Higher Education.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO TEACH DEVELOPMENTAL
3 COURSES AND COLLEGE SUCCESS SKILLS COURSES AT ANY TIME DURING
4 THE YEAR, INCLUDING THE SUMMER TERM AND TO EARN BUDGET FTE FOR
5 THE COURSES.

6 Whereas, approximately 25% of the new jobs created in North Carolina over the
7 next 10 years will require at least a four-year college degree, and an additional 13% are
8 predicted to require an associate degree; and

9 Whereas, only 19% of entering ninth graders in North Carolina complete high
10 school and college within 150% of program time; and

11 Whereas, slightly over 50% of recently graduated North Carolina high school
12 students require remediation in the form of one or more developmental classes before
13 beginning college-level work at a North Carolina community college; and

14 Whereas, having to take remediation greatly reduces the likelihood that students will
15 complete college programs on time as well as overall success rates; and

16 Whereas, students requiring remediation could get a jump start and improve the
17 likelihood of program completion by taking those classes in the summer prior to enrolling in
18 college-level courses; and

19 Whereas, since the 2001-2002 recession year, community colleges have not been
20 funded to provide summer school classes; Now, therefore,

21 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

22 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115D-5 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

23 "(s) Community colleges may teach developmental courses and college success skills
24 courses at any time during the year, including the summer term. Membership hours produced
25 from these courses shall be counted when computing full-time equivalent students (FTE) for
26 use in budget funding formulas at the State level."

27 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2009.

