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AMENDMENT
Senate Bill 257

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Representative W. Richardson

1 moves to amend the bill on page 2, line 4, by increasing the amount for the 2017-2018 fiscal
2 year by \$500,000 and by increasing the amount for the 2018-2019 fiscal year by \$20,000,000;
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5 on page 2, line 6, by decreasing the amount for the 2017-2018 fiscal year by \$500,000 and by
6 decreasing the amount for the 2018-2019 fiscal year by \$20,000,000; and

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8 on page 28, line 22, by rewriting the line to read:

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10 "software as a service solution and anticipated costs for the continued implementation of the
11 School Business System Modernization Plan for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. Thereafter, the
12 State Superintendent shall submit annual reports"; and

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14 on page 109, lines 16-17, by inserting between those lines the following new section to read:

15 **"FUND NC GROW/REDUCE DPI SCHOOL BUSINESS SYSTEM MODERNIZATION**
16 **FUNDS**

17 **SECTION 9.15.(a)** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the funds
18 appropriated by this act for the 2017-2019 fiscal biennium to the Department of Public
19 Instruction to implement the School Business System Modernization Plan, including an
20 enterprise resource plan (ERP) system for integrated payroll and human resources information,
21 an integrated State level licensure system, and reporting of financial information for increased
22 transparency and analytics, shall be decreased (i) for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, by five hundred
23 thousand dollars (\$500,000) in recurring funds and (ii) for the 2018-2019 fiscal year, by twenty
24 million dollars (\$20,000,000) in recurring funds.

25 **SECTION 9.15.(b)** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the funds
26 appropriated by this act for the 2017-2019 fiscal biennium to the Community Colleges System
27 Office shall be increased (i) for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, by five hundred thousand dollars
28 (\$500,000) in recurring funds and (ii) for the 2018-2019 fiscal year by twenty million dollars
29 (\$20,000,000) in recurring funds to be used to administer the North Carolina Getting Ready for
30 Opportunities in the Workforce (NC GROW) scholarship program established in subsections
31 (c), (d), and (e) of this section.



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1 **SECTION 9.15.(c)** There is established the North Carolina Getting Ready for
2 Opportunities in the Workforce (NC GROW) scholarship program (Program) to provide
3 scholarships to enable recent high school graduates and certain members of the Armed Forces,
4 including former members recently discharged from active duty, to enroll in a community
5 college free of tuition and fees in accordance with this section. Subject to the limitations set
6 forth in this section, the State Board of Community Colleges is authorized to (i) administer the
7 Program consistent with the manner in which it administers funds to community college
8 students qualifying for the Scholarships for Needy Students program under Article 35A of
9 Chapter 115C of the General Statutes and the Need-Based Assistance program under
10 G.S. 115D-40.1 and (ii) utilize criteria in the selection of community college students for the
11 Program so that no qualifying North Carolina student incurs costs of tuition and selected fees to
12 attend a community college beginning with the 2018-2019 academic year. The State Board of
13 Community Colleges shall contract with the State Education Assistance Authority (Authority)
14 to administer the Program. Funds appropriated for the Program shall be disbursed after funds
15 are first awarded to students eligible for the Scholarships for Needy Students program, the
16 Need-Based Assistance program, the High Achieving Tuition Scholarship Program, or any
17 combination of these funds. Funds may then be appropriated under this Program to those
18 students who do not demonstrate need or meet criteria sufficient to qualify for other financial
19 assistance programs. The State Board of Community Colleges shall establish criteria for
20 determining eligibility for the Program for community college students that includes at least the
21 following:

- 22 (1) The student is a legal resident of North Carolina for tuition purposes.
23 (2) The student (i) graduated from a North Carolina high school, (ii) attained a
24 high school equivalency certificate within 18 months of the first semester for
25 which funds are disbursed, or (iii) enlisted in the Armed Forces within 12
26 months of graduation from high school and is released from active duty
27 within 12 months of the first semester for which funds are disbursed.
28 (3) The student has a minimum GPA of 2.0.
29 (4) The student is enrolled at least half-time at a community college. Funds shall
30 not be disbursed to a student until it is confirmed from the enrolling
31 community college that the student meets the high school graduation and
32 GPA standards for the scholarship.

33 **SECTION 9.15.(d)** A student may receive a scholarship under the Program for
34 subsequent terms of enrollment provided that the student maintains satisfactory academic
35 progress, as determined by the community college, and has not received the scholarship for
36 more than six consecutive semesters. The State Board of Community Colleges may establish a
37 minimum scholarship amount of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) per semester for full-time
38 enrollment.

39 **SECTION 9.15.(e)** Consistent with the provisions for other financial assistance
40 programs administered pursuant to G.S. 115D-40.1(c), beginning with the 2017-2018 fiscal
41 year, funds appropriated for the Program shall not revert at the end of each fiscal year but shall
42 remain available until expended for the operation of the Program. If the interest earnings on the
43 funds appropriated for this Program are not sufficient to cover administrative costs for the

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1 Program, the State Board of Community Colleges may use up to one and one-half percent
2 (1.5%) of funds appropriated for the Program each fiscal year to support the costs of
3 administering the Program, including contracting with the Authority to administer the Program.
4 Beginning with the 2017-2018 fiscal year, of the funds appropriated for the Program, the State
5 Board of Community Colleges may use up to five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to
6 market NC GROW to prospective recipients and establish the Program. Beginning with the
7 2018-2019 fiscal year, any remaining funds shall be used to award scholarships to students in
8 accordance with the requirements of the section.

9 **SECTION 9.15.(f)** The State Board of Community Colleges and the State
10 Education Assistance Authority shall report annually on or before September 1, beginning in
11 2019, to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee on the implementation of the NC
12 GROW Program. The report shall include at least the following information:

- 13 (1) Number of students applying for the scholarship, including information
14 about student demographics and geographic location.
15 (2) Number of students awarded the scholarship, including information about
16 student demographics and geographic location, and community college
17 attended.
18 (3) Amount of funds expended for scholarships.
19 (4) Number of students whose scholarships were revoked and reasons for
20 revocation.
21 (5) Other relevant information as determined by the State Board and the
22 Authority."; and
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24 by adjusting the appropriate totals accordingly.

SIGNED _____
Amendment Sponsor

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Committee Chair if Senate Committee Amendment

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