GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 1531

Short Title: Composites Testing & Training Funds.	(Public)
Sponsors: Senator Dalton.	
Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.	

May 30, 2000

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES SYSTEM OFFICE TO DEVELOP A COMPOSITES TESTING AND TRAINING CENTER AT ISOTHERMAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

Whereas, Rutherford and Polk Counties have suffered a loss of more than 2,600 jobs in the last 18 months due to the decline in textiles; and

Whereas, a cutting edge composites fabricator has established a plant in Rutherford County, giving Isothermal Community College a unique opportunity to establish a testing and training facility in support of the composites fabrication industry; and

Whereas, the composites fabrication industry is an emerging technology in a growth industry; and

Whereas, the testing and training facility would be a major incentive in attracting additional manufacturers requiring these services; and

Whereas, the facility holds the potential for establishing Western North Carolina as a major center for composites fabricators and the training of certified composites technicians; Now, therefore,

- 5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
- 6 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Community
- 7 Colleges System Office the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the 2000-2001

- 1 fiscal year to develop a Composites Testing and Training Center at Isothermal
- 2 Community College.
- 3 Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2000.