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SENATE BILL DRS15412-MT-187A

Short Title: Comm. Coll. Trustee Terms/Region 2. (Local)

Sponsors: Senators Jarvis, Corbin, and Moffitt (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO REALIGN THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE  
3 BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF CERTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGES.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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6 **PART I. ASHEVILLE-BUNCOMBE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

7 **SECTION 1.** Notwithstanding G.S. 115D-13, as amended by Section 6.10(o) of S.L.  
8 2023-134, for the term of office of the Board of Trustees of Asheville-Buncombe Technical  
9 Community College that is elected by the Madison County Board of Commissioners and expires  
10 June 30, 2025, the Board shall elect one trustee to a term of one year, beginning July 1, 2025, so  
11 that the term expires June 30, 2026.

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13 **PART II. BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

14 **SECTION 2.** Notwithstanding G.S. 115D-13, as amended by Section 6.10(o) of S.L.  
15 2023-134, the terms of office for certain members of the Board of Trustees of Blue Ridge  
16 Community College shall be revised as follows:

- 17 (1) Of the two terms elected by the Henderson County Board of Commissioners  
18 that expire June 30, 2025, the Board shall elect one trustee to a term of three  
19 years, beginning July 1, 2025, so that the term expires June 30, 2028.
- 20 (2) Of the two terms elected by the Henderson County Board of Education that  
21 expire June 30, 2025, the General Assembly, upon the recommendation of the  
22 Speaker of the House of Representatives, shall appoint one trustee to a term  
23 of three years, beginning July 1, 2025, so that the term expires June 30, 2028.
- 24 (3) Of the two terms elected by the Henderson County Board of Commissioners  
25 that expire June 30, 2027, the Board shall elect one trustee to a term of three  
26 years, beginning July 1, 2027, so that the term expires June 30, 2030.
- 27 (4) Of the two terms elected by the Henderson County Board of Education that  
28 expire June 30, 2027, the General Assembly, upon the recommendation of the  
29 Speaker of the House of Representatives, shall appoint one trustee to a term  
30 of three years, beginning July 1, 2027, so that the term expires June 30, 2030.

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32 **PART III. DAVIDSON-DAVIE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

33 **SECTION 3.** Notwithstanding G.S. 115D-13, as amended by Section 6.10(o) of S.L.  
34 2023-134, the terms of office for certain members of the Board of Trustees of Davidson-Davie  
35 Community College shall be revised as follows:



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- 1 (1) For the one term elected by the Davidson County Board of Education that  
2 expires June 30, 2024, the General Assembly, upon the recommendation of  
3 the Speaker of the House of Representatives, shall appoint one trustee to a  
4 term of one year, beginning July 1, 2024, so that the term expires June 30,  
5 2025.
- 6 (2) Of the two terms elected by the Davie County Board of Commissioners that  
7 expire June 30, 2026, the Board shall elect one trustee to a term of two years,  
8 beginning July 1, 2026, so that the term expires June 30, 2028.

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10 **PART IV. SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

11 **SECTION 4.** Notwithstanding G.S. 115D-13, as amended by Section 6.10(o) of S.L.  
12 2023-134, the terms of office for certain members of the Board of Trustees of Southwestern  
13 Community College shall be revised as follows:

- 14 (1) For the one term elected by the Macon County Board of Commissioners that  
15 expires June 30, 2024, the Board shall appoint one trustee to a term of one  
16 year, beginning July 1, 2024, so that the term expires June 30, 2025.
- 17 (2) Of the two terms elected by the Jackson County Board of Commissioners that  
18 expire June 30, 2026, the Board shall elect one trustee to a term of one year,  
19 beginning July 1, 2026, so that the term expires June 30, 2027.
- 20 (3) Of the two additional terms to be elected by the Swain County Board of  
21 Commissioners, the Board shall elect one trustee to a term of two years,  
22 beginning July 1, 2024, so that the term expires June 30, 2026.

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24 **PART V. TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

25 **SECTION 5.** Notwithstanding G.S. 115D-13, as amended by Section 6.10(o) of S.L.  
26 2023-134, the terms of office for certain members of the Board of Trustees of Tri-County  
27 Community College shall be revised as follows:

- 28 (1) For the two additional terms to be elected by the Clay County Board of  
29 Commissioners, the Board shall do the following:  
30 a. Elect one trustee to a term of one year, beginning July 1, 2024, so that  
31 the term expires June 30, 2025.  
32 b. Elect one trustee to a term of three years, beginning July 1, 2024, so  
33 that the term expires June 30, 2027.
- 34 (2) Of the two additional terms to be elected by the Graham County Board of  
35 Commissioners, the Board shall elect one trustee to a term of two years,  
36 beginning July 1, 2024, so that the term expires June 30, 2026.
- 37 (3) For the additional term to be elected by the Cherokee County Board of  
38 Commissioners, the Board shall elect one trustee to a term of three years,  
39 beginning July 1, 2024, so that the term expires June 30, 2027.

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41 **PART VI. MISCELLANEOUS**

42 **SECTION 6.(a)** For the boards of trustees of the community colleges addressed in  
43 this act, in accordance with G.S. 115D-12, G.S. 115D-13, and Section 6.10 of S.L. 2023-134, the  
44 following shall apply for any seat in which a specific term length is not provided or revised:

- 45 (1) For current seats, the term shall expire at the end of its previously appointed  
46 or elected term.
- 47 (2) For additional seats to be elected or appointed pursuant to Section 6.10 of S.L.  
48 2023-134, in order to maintain staggered terms, the initial term shall begin  
49 July 1, 2024, and expire June 30, 2028.

50 **SECTION 6.(b)** The successors to the trustees elected or appointed to terms of less  
51 than four years pursuant to this act shall be elected or appointed, following the expiration of those

1 terms, to terms of four years on July 1, and every four years thereafter, in accordance with  
2 G.S. 115D-13, as amended by Section 6.10(o) of S.L. 2023-134.

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4 **PART VII. EFFECTIVE DATE**

5 **SECTION 7.** This act is effective when it becomes law.