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HOUSE BILL 463
Committee Substitute Favorable 6/11/19

Short Title: Education/Job Readiness in Prisons & Jails.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 27, 2019

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO EDUCATION AND JOB READINESS SKILLS FOR
3 INDIVIDUALS INCARCERATED IN STATE PRISONS AND LOCAL JAILS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.(a)** Section 8.3 of S.L. 2010-31 reads as rewritten:

6 "SECTION 8.3.(a) Funds appropriated for community college courses for prison inmates
7 shall be used only for inmates in State prisons. The first priority for the use of these funds shall
8 be to restore the FTE for basic skills courses to the FY 2008-2009 level. Funds not needed for
9 this purpose may be used for continuing education and curriculum courses related to job skills
10 training. ~~These funds shall not be used for Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, or Associate~~
11 ~~of General Education degrees.~~

12 "SECTION 8.3.(b) Courses in federal prisons ~~or local jails~~ shall not earn regular budget
13 full-time equivalents, but may be offered on a self-supporting basis.

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15 **SECTION 1.(b)** G.S. 115D-5(c) reads as rewritten:

16 "(c) No course of instruction shall be offered by any community college at State expense
17 or partial State expense to any captive or co-opted group of students, as defined by the State
18 Board of Community Colleges, without prior approval of the State Board of Community
19 Colleges. All course offerings approved for State prison inmates or prisoners in local jails must
20 be tied to clearly identified job skills, transition needs, or both. Approval by the State Board of
21 Community Colleges shall be presumed to constitute approval of both the course and the group
22 served by that institution. The State Board of Community Colleges may delegate to the President
23 the power to make an initial approval, with final approval to be made by the State Board of
24 Community Colleges. A course taught without such approval will not yield any full-time
25 equivalent students, as defined by the State Board of Community Colleges."

26 **SECTION 1.(c)** Beginning with the 2019-2020 academic year, community college
27 courses offered in local jails shall earn regular budget full-time equivalents.

28 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2019.

