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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REALIGN THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE  
BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF CERTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

**PART II. BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

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

- (1) Of the two terms elected by the Henderson County Board of Commissioners that expire June 30, 2025, the Board shall elect one trustee to a term of three years, beginning July 1, 2025, so that the term expires June 30, 2028.
- (2) Of the two terms elected by the Henderson County Board of Education that expire June 30, 2025, the General Assembly, upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, shall appoint one trustee to a term of three years, beginning July 1, 2025, so that the term expires June 30, 2028.
- (3) Of the two terms elected by the Henderson County Board of Commissioners that expire June 30, 2027, the Board shall elect one trustee to a term of three years, beginning July 1, 2027, so that the term expires June 30, 2030.
- (4) Of the two terms elected by the Henderson County Board of Education that expire June 30, 2027, the General Assembly, upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, shall appoint one trustee to a term of three years, beginning July 1, 2027, so that the term expires June 30, 2030.

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

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



- 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.

#### 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 Jackson County Board of Commissioners shall elect  
16 one trustee to a term of four years beginning July 1, 2024, so that the term  
17 expires June 30, 2028.
- 18 (2) Of the two terms elected by the Jackson County Board of Commissioners that  
19 expire June 30, 2026, the Board shall elect one trustee to a term of one year,  
20 beginning July 1, 2026, so that the term expires June 30, 2027.
- 21 (3) Of the two additional terms to be elected by the Swain County Board of  
22 Commissioners, the Board shall elect one trustee to a term of two years,  
23 beginning July 1, 2024, so that the term expires June 30, 2026.
- 24 (4) For the additional term to be elected by the Jackson County Board of  
25 Commissioners, the Board shall elect one trustee to a term of one year,  
26 beginning July 1, 2024, so that the term expires June 30, 2025.
- 27 (5) For the one term elected by the Swain Board of Education that expires June  
28 30, 2025, the General Assembly, upon the recommendation of the Speaker of  
29 the House of Representatives, shall appoint one trustee to a term of two years,  
30 beginning July 1, 2025, so that the term expires June 30, 2027.

#### 32 **PART V. TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

33 **SECTION 5.** 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 Tri-County  
35 Community College shall be revised as follows:

- 36 (1) Of the two additional terms to be elected by the Graham County Board of  
37 Commissioners, the Board shall elect one trustee to a term of two years,  
38 beginning July 1, 2024, so that the term expires June 30, 2026.
- 39 (2) For the term elected by the Clay County Board of Commissioners that expires  
40 June 30, 2027, the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners shall elect to  
41 the term beginning July 1, 2027, and every four years thereafter.
- 42 (3) For the term elected by the Clay County Board of Commissioners that expires  
43 June 30, 2024, the General Assembly, upon the recommendation of the  
44 Speaker of the House of Representatives, shall appoint to the term beginning  
45 July 1, 2024, and every four years thereafter.
- 46 (4) For the term elected by the Clay County Board of Commissioners that expires  
47 June 30, 2026, the Board shall elect one trustee to a term of one year,  
48 beginning July 1, 2026, so that the term expires June 30, 2027.
- 49 (5) For the remaining three terms to be appointed by the General Assembly upon  
50 the recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the terms  
51 shall be staggered as follows:

- 1 a. One term shall begin July 1, 2025, and expire June 30, 2029.
- 2 b. One term shall begin July 1, 2026, and expire June 30, 2030.
- 3 c. One term shall begin July 1, 2027, and expire June 30, 2031.
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5 **PART VI. MISCELLANEOUS**

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

- 9 (1) For current seats, the term shall expire at the end of its previously appointed  
10 or elected term.
- 11 (2) For additional seats to be elected or appointed pursuant to Section 6.10 of S.L.  
12 2023-134, in order to maintain staggered terms, the initial term shall begin  
13 July 1, 2024, and expire June 30, 2028.

14 **SECTION 6.(b)** The successors to the trustees elected or appointed to terms of less  
15 than four years pursuant to this act shall be elected or appointed, following the expiration of those  
16 terms, to terms of four years on July 1, and every four years thereafter, in accordance with  
17 G.S. 115D-13, as amended by Section 6.10(o) of S.L. 2023-134.

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19 **PART VII. EFFECTIVE DATE**

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