



HOUSE BILL 159: Education Law Changes, Sec. 3.3: Revise Allowable Literacy Fund Uses

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Analysis of:	Sec. 3.3 of S.L. 2022-71		

OVERVIEW: Section 3.3. of S.L. 2022-71 (HB 159) eliminates the discretion of the State Board of Community Colleges to vary use of State Literacy funds.

This section became effective July 8, 2022.

CURRENT LAW: G.S. 115D-31(b1) limits the use of certain funds, including Literacy Funds by community colleges. The State Board of Community Colleges (SBCC) may authorize a community college to use up to twenty percent (20%) of State Literacy Funds to provide employability skills and developmental education (basic skills courses) to students concurrently enrolled in a literacy course.

Part II of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) requires matching State funds which must be used in compliance with the same federal requirements for adult education and literacy activities in the State. (29 USC 3302) Currently, the State Board of Community Colleges used Literacy Funds to comply with the federal WIOA match requirement.

BILL ANALYSIS: This section eliminates the authorization to vary use of State Literacy Funds in the discretion of the SBCC.

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