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SENATE BILL 385
Commerce Committee Substitute Adopted 5/23/11

Short Title: Small Business Assistance Records. (Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 22, 2011

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT PROVIDING THAT SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE RECORDS ARE NOT
3 PUBLIC RECORDS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115D-78 reads as rewritten:

6 "**§ 115D-78. Access to information and public ~~records~~; small business counseling**
7 **information.**

8 (a) In accordance with Chapter 132 of the General Statutes, all rules, regulations and
9 public records of the State Board of Community Colleges, the Community Colleges System
10 Office, and local boards of trustees shall be available for examination and reproduction on
11 payment of fees by any person.

12 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, documents submitted to the North
13 Carolina Community College System's Small Business Center Network by an individual
14 seeking business counseling or technical assistance and documents created by the Network to
15 provide the individual with counseling and technical assistance are not public records as
16 defined by G.S. 132-1."

17 **SECTION 2.** Chapter 116 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new
18 section to read:

19 "**§ 116-43.16. Small business counseling information.**

20 Documents submitted to The University of North Carolina's Small Business and
21 Technology Development Centers by an individual seeking business counseling or technical
22 assistance and documents created by a Center to provide the individual with counseling and
23 technical assistance are not public records as defined by G.S. 132-1."

24 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

