

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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SENATE BILL 23

Short Title: Tobacco Free Community Colleges. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Bingham (Primary Sponsor); Clark, Davis, Jenkins, Tucker, and Woodard.

Referred to: Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources.

January 31, 2013

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO ADOPT WRITTEN POLICIES  
3 PROHIBITING THE USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS IN BUILDINGS AND  
4 FACILITIES, ON COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAMPUSES, AT COMMUNITY  
5 COLLEGE-SPONSORED EVENTS, AND IN OR ON OTHER COMMUNITY  
6 COLLEGE PROPERTY.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115D-20.1 reads as rewritten:

9 **"§ 115D-20.1. Policy prohibiting tobacco use in community college buildings, grounds,  
10 and at community college-sponsored events.**

11 (a) As used in this section:

12 (1) "Tobacco product" includes cigarettes, cigars, blunts, bidis, pipes, chewing  
13 tobacco, snus, snuff, and any other items containing or reasonably  
14 resembling tobacco or tobacco products.

15 (2) "Tobacco use" includes smoking, chewing, dipping, or any other use of  
16 tobacco products.

17 (b) ~~Local~~ Not later than August 1, 2014, community college boards of trustees ~~may~~ shall  
18 adopt, implement, and enforce a written policy prohibiting at all times the use of any tobacco  
19 product by any person in community college buildings, in community college facilities, on  
20 community college campuses, in vehicles owned, leased, or operated by the local community  
21 college, and in or on any other community college property owned, leased, or operated by the  
22 local community college. The policy ~~may also~~ shall further prohibit the use of all tobacco  
23 products by persons attending a community college-sponsored event.

24 (c) The policy adopted by a local community college board of trustees ~~may~~ shall include  
25 at least all of the following elements:

26 (1) Adequate notice of the policy to students, parents, the public, and school  
27 personnel.

28 (2) Posting of signs prohibiting at all times the use of tobacco products by any  
29 person in and on community college property.

30 (3) Requirements that community college personnel develop plans for  
31 successful implementation of and compliance with the policy.

32 (4) Permission for tobacco products to be included in instructional or research  
33 activities in community college buildings if the activity is conducted or  
34 supervised by the faculty member overseeing the instruction or research and



1                   the activity does not include smoking, chewing, or otherwise ingesting the  
2                   tobacco product."

3       (d)     Nothing in G.S. 130A-498, G.S. 143-595 through G.S. 143-601, or any other section  
4 prohibits a local community college board of trustees from adopting and enforcing a more  
5 restrictive policy on the use of tobacco in community college buildings, in community college  
6 facilities, on community college campuses, or at community college-related or community  
7 college-sponsored events, and in or on other community college property.

8       (e)     The North Carolina Tobacco Prevention and Control Branch ~~and the Health and~~  
9 ~~Wellness Trust Fund Commission~~ shall work with local community college boards of trustees  
10 to provide assistance with the development and implementation of the ~~policy~~ policy, including  
11 providing information regarding smoking cessation and prevention resources."

12           **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.