REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

ITEM NO. 2D.

DATE OF MEETING: April 5, 2010

REQUESTED BY: Bettie Fennell

SHORT TITLE: Resolution to Prohibit Illegal Aliens from Attending the North Carolina Community College System

BACKGROUND: To approve the attached resolution to prohibit Illegal Aliens from Attending North Carolina Community Colleges.

This item was tabled from the March 15, 2010 meeting.

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED: To consider adoption of the attached resolution.

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

No recommendation is offered on this issue.

PB
Initial

RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Pender County Board of Commissioners that

the attached resolution to prohibit Illegal Aliens from attending North Carolina's Community Colleges hereby approved. The County Manager is authorized to execute any/all documents necessary to implement this resolution.

AMENDMENTS:

MOVED_____ SECONDED_____

APPROVED_____ DENIED _____UNANIMOUS

YEA VOTES: Tate___ Blanchard ___ Brown ___ Rivenbark ___ Williams ___

_____ 4/5/10
Jimmy T. Tate, Chairman Date

_____ 4/5/10
ATTEST Date

Resolution to Prohibit Illegal Aliens from Attending North Carolina's Community Colleges

WHEREAS, the Pender County Board of Commissioners recognizes that the United States is a nation made up of legal immigrants who have made significant contributions to our nation's history, economy and culture; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of North Carolina's community college system is to educate North Carolina's legal residents for employment; and

WHEREAS, it is illegal in the United States of America to employ illegal aliens, and

WHEREAS, the United States provides guest worker programs whereby non-residents are allowed to work legally in the United States under such programs; and

WHEREAS, on September 18, 2009, the North Carolina State Board of Community Colleges supported their committee's recommendation to allow illegal aliens to enroll in North Carolina's Community Colleges, and

WHEREAS, although the policy must still make its way through the administrative rules process and could subsequently be allowed or disallowed by the North Carolina General Assembly; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pender County Board of Commissioners unanimously approves a resolution against this decision by the North Carolina State Board of Community Colleges; and that the Pender County Board of Commissioners will forward the resolution to the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, to the State Board of Community Colleges and to the General Assembly for further action; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the North Carolina General Assembly, especially those representing Pender County, including Sen. R.C. Soles, Rep. Sandra Spaulding-Hughes and Rep. Carolyn Justice, work diligently to prohibit illegal aliens from enrolling in the North Carolina Community College system.

Approved and Adopted this the ____day of_____ 2010

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Jimmy Tate, Chairman, Pender County Board of Commissioners

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Norwood Blanchard, Vice Chairman

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George Brown, Commissioner

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F.D. Rivenbark, Commissioner

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David Williams Jr., Commissioner

COUNTIES THAT RESPONDED TO RESOLUTION TO PROHIBIT ILLEGAL ALIENS FROM ATTENDING THE NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

YES

Alamance

Brunswick

Columbus

Graham

Rowan

NO

Bertie - Board didn't discuss.

Bladen – Discussed other counties doing it, but they never drafted a resolution.

Craven - Distributed to Board members but no discussion yet.

Gates - Copy of resolution given to Board twice in their packets; not put on agenda-no one asked to put it on.

Jones - Received one from another county but hasn't done anything with it.

New Hanover - Received copies from other counties but Board hasn't discussed at a meeting.

Onslow - Haven't considered; someone spoke about it under public comment.

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