

## Summary of House Bill 943 – Bond Referendum

<b>Amount</b>	\$350,000,000
<b>Allocation Method</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allocation based on county wealth (Commerce tier designation)</li> <li>• R&amp;R need allocation based on age-weighted sq. footage</li> <li>• Additional sq. footage needs</li> </ul>
<b>Use of Bond Proceeds</b>	New construction, repairs, renovations
<b>Match Requirement</b>	<p><u>Repair &amp; Renovation</u>: No match requirement</p> <p><u>New Construction</u>: Sliding scale match based on county wealth (tier designation). Community colleges with a main campus located in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tier 1 County: \$1.00 in local matching funds for every \$3.00 of bond funds</li> <li>• Tier 2 County: \$1.00 in local matching funds for every \$2.00 of bond funds</li> <li>• Tier 3 County: \$1.00 in local matching funds for every \$1.00 of bond funds</li> </ul>
<b>Useful Life Requirement</b>	R&R projects must have a useful life or at least 10 years or must extend the life of the facility by at least 10 years.
<b>Referendum Date</b>	March 2016 Presidential primary election
<b>Restrictions based on debt affordability</b>	Prohibits State Treasurer from issuing bonds in amount or year where issuance of bonds would violate Debt Affordability Advisory Committee recommendations on debt capacity

\*\*If Bond passes, Blue Ridge Community College would receive \$2,966,077

## **Blue Ridge Community College Revised Bond Priorities**

### **1. Science Lab Renovations Phase II (scheduled for 2016-2017)**

For the 2015-16 fiscal year, the College plans to renovate and convert a classroom in Arts and Science building for use by the biology department. Cost estimate is \$140,000 (County funds).

During 2016-17, the Environmental Health and Safety Institute (EHSI) offices and lab in the Arts and Science building will relocate to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of SINK building (vacated space of the Health Science programs.) The EHSI vacated space will be converted to a chemistry lab. Cost estimate is \$300,000 (Potential bond).

### **2. Complete Advanced Manufacturing Phase II (originally scheduled as a new construction project for 2016-17)**

Changes to the scope of this project are contingent upon the relocation of the Early College. A new facility has been proposed to house this program and the HCPS Career Academy. The tentative date for completion of the capital project is Summer 2018. College plans would include relocation of the Fine Arts – Arts program to the vacated space in Industrial Skills building which would allow Advanced Manufacturing to expand in the vacated space of Spearman Building. Cost associated with renovations is \$670,000.

### **3. Public Safety Expansion including POPAT course (scheduled for 2016-17)**

In compliance with a statewide requirement of NC Standard and Training, the College must expand its Basic Law Enforcement Training to include an indoor facility for the Police Officer Physical Ability Test (POPAT). Additionally, the number of student enrolled in fire, rescue, emergency medical services and law enforcement classes has increased significantly in the past few years creating a need for additional classrooms and lab space.

During the summer of 2016, the health science programs will relocate to the new Health Science building near Pardee Hospital's campus. The Adult Education and Literacy programs currently housed in the continuing education building will be relocated to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of SINK. Available space in the continuing education building will provide additional space for the public safety programs.

Construction of a garage type facility to house the POPAT course and vehicles is estimated to cost \$975,750 (potential bond).

### **4. One Stop Center Phase I (scheduled for 2016-17)**

Renovation of student services' offices, lobby areas, and waiting areas as part of the One Stop Welcome Center for all students is scheduled for the 2016-17 fiscal year. Cost estimate is \$701,532 (potential bond).

**Total estimate of projects: \$2,647,282**