HOUSE BILL 661:
CC Fire Training/15 Yrs Old.

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Committee:	House Education - Community Colleges. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	**Date:**	April 28, 2021
Introduced by:	Reps. Moffitt, Pless, Miller, Gillespie	**Prepared by:**	Drupti Chauhan Committee Counsel
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OVERVIEW: House Bill 661 would clarify that qualified youth 15 and older may enroll in fire training courses at community colleges.

CURRENT LAW: Under G.S. 95-25.5, youth under 18 cannot be employed by any employer in any occupation without a youth employment certificate unless specifically exempted by law. Numerous exemptions are provided in the statute based on age, type of work, and hours of work. Qualified youth under the age of 18 are allowed to participate in training through their fire department, the Office of the State Fire Marshal, and the North Carolina Community College System. "Qualified youth under the age of 18" means an uncompensated fire department or rescue squad member who is at least the age of 15 and under the age of 18 and who is a member of a bona fide fire department or rescue squad.

G.S. 115D-20(4) sets forth when students less than 16 can take courses at community colleges.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 661 would clarify that qualified youth 15 and older can enroll in courses, including certification-eligible courses, in fire training at a community college on a specialized course list approved by the State Board of Community Colleges.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The bill becomes effective when it becomes law and applies to courses, including certification-eligible courses, a qualified youth enrolls in on or after January 1, 2021.

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