

August 18, 1998

MEMORANDUM

TO: Deans of Student Development

FROM: William R. Strickland
Director, Student Development Services

SUBJECT: **DROPOUT PREVENTION/DRIVER'S
LICENSE GUIDELINES**

Attached is a copy of the new Dropout Prevention/Driver's License Guidelines which have been developed to assist community colleges in implementing the law (HB 769) which requires certain students under the age of 18 years to maintain adequate academic progress in order to receive a driving eligibility certificate or maintain a driver's license.

While the Basic Skills section in the college has primary responsibility for implementing this program, many of you have indicated that you are to be involved at some level. These guidelines will give you some insight into what might be expected.

If you have questions about this initiative, please contact Dr. Randy Whitfield, Associate Director of Basic Skills, at the system office (919-733-7051).

A question has arisen regarding the effect of HB 769 on the practices of some colleges regarding the admission of persons under the age of 18 years who have dropped out of school and do not yet possess a high school diploma or equivalent. It is the opinion of our legal counsel that HB 769 requires colleges to admit such students to appropriate courses consistent with rule 28 NCAC 2C. 0305 (b) and with G.S. 115D-1. If this position is in conflict with your current practice, you are encouraged to review the college policy in light of the statute and the rule.

Attachments

pc: Presidents
Dr. Elizabeth Johns

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