

**STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES**

**Discussion of the State Board's Participation in Executive Order 70 – Rules Modification and Improvement Program ("RMIP")**

Governor Beverly Perdue issued Executive Order 70 on October 21, 2010. Executive Order 70 creates a Rules Modification and Improvement Program ("RMIP") that is designed to annually "evaluate, reform, expand, or, where necessary, repeal existing rules and associated requirements" to advance the goals of Executive Order 70. The Office of State Budget and Management ("OSBM") is responsible for coordinating and overseeing the RMIP. Governor Perdue "urges," but does not require that the State Board of Community Colleges ("SBCC") participate in Executive Order 70. As such, the SBCC has the discretion to determine whether it participates in Executive Order 70.

If the State Board of Community Colleges decides to participate in Executive Order 70, OSBM has directed those agencies subject to Executive Order 70 to "identify existing rules and associated requirements that are unnecessary, unduly burdensome, or inconsistent with the goals of the Executive Order," and submit those identified rules to OSBM by **Monday, November 22, 2010**.

The North Carolina Community College System Office staff suggests the following options to the SBCC:

Option 1: The SBCC could decide to exercise its right not to participate in Executive Order 70.

Option 2: The SBCC could decide to participate in Executive Order 70 and only submit to OSBM by November 22, 2010 that requiring the SBCC to be subject to rule-making is unduly burdensome, inefficient, and an inhibitor to community colleges' unique ability to effectively respond to the custom needs of individual communities.

Option 3: The State Board could decide to participate in Executive Order 70 and submit the inhibiting rule-making process as the chief requirement that is unduly burdensome while also including in a prioritized fashion, the Administrative Code related inhibitors expressed by our community college family on the 58 Listening Tours.

Attachment