

**STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES**

**Basic Skills Plus Guidelines**

**Request:**

The State Board is asked to approve guidelines for Basic Skills Plus programs (See Attachment A). According to Session Law 2010-31, Section 8.2. (a) and (b), the State Board has the authority to allow local programs to use up to 20% of State Literacy Funds to provide employability skills, job-specific occupational and technical skills, and developmental education instruction to students concurrently enrolled in a community college course leading to a high school diploma or equivalent certificate.

**SECTION 8.2.(a)** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a local community college may use up to five percent (5%) of the Literacy Funds allocated to it by the State Board of Community Colleges to procure instructional technology for literacy labs. This technology may include computers, instructional software and software licenses, scanners for testing, and classroom projection equipment. The State Board may also authorize a local community college to use up to twenty percent (20%) of the State Literacy Funds allocated to it to provide employability skills, job-specific occupational and technical skills, and developmental education instruction to students concurrently enrolled in a community college course leading to a high school diploma or equivalent certificate.

**SECTION 8.2.(b)** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if a community college provides employability skills, job-specific occupational or technical skills, or developmental education instruction, to students concurrently enrolled in a community college course leading to a high school diploma or equivalent certificate, the college may waive the tuition and registration fees associated with this instruction.

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