

STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Prison Education Funds Allocation:  
Department of Correction Allocation for Increased Capacity or New Prisons

**Request:** The State Board is asked to approve the allocation of \$201,000 to Southeastern Community College to support start-up of educational programming at Tabor Correctional Institution, which is located in the college's service area.

**Rationale for Allocation:** Start-up funding is necessary because community colleges have no funds appropriated for the initiation (or start-up) of Curriculum, Basic Skills, or Occupational Continuing Education programming at new or expanding prisons. Correctional education funding is usually start-up only (non-recurring) because colleges will generate FTE during the first year of instruction which will support continuation of instruction.

**Method of Allocation:** The Department of Correction (DOC) has designated Southeastern Community College as the recipient of this funding because the allocation is intended to support the start-up of prison education programming at the newly constructed Tabor Correctional Institution.

**Conditions of Awards:** The college must have separate course/program approval of the State Board before it may offer any instruction to the captive/co-opted (inmate) population at this facility. The college must also submit to the System Office a document describing the specific courses/programs that will be supported by these monies, based on needs identified by DOC for this new facility. This document must be signed by both the College President and Tabor Correctional Institution Superintendent or his/her designee. Funding is designated to support instructor costs for the first year of each specified new course/program. However, if included in the signed agreement between the college and prison, and approved by DOC, funds also may be used to pay the salary and benefits for one or more non-instructional staff, such as an on-site coordinator and/or a student services/GED test administrator, full or part-time, for a period of up to one year. Funds will remain in the college's name until expended for the purpose for which they were allocated, pending review and approval of DOC.

**Allocation Availability:** July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010; carryforward pending review and approval of DOC.

**Funding Source:** State General Funds appropriated to the Department of Correction and subsequently transferred to the System Office

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