Establishing Service Areas for Colleges

(a) The State Board shall assign service areas to colleges for providing education and training services. The initial assignment of service areas to colleges shall take into account the past and present patterns of providing services, including existing agreements between colleges. The State Board may reassign a service area upon the recommendation of the System President. The recommendation shall be based upon an analysis of the service areas involved, including consultation with the presidents of the colleges and the county commissioners of the county(ies) that are affected.

(b) A college may offer education and training in an area assigned to another college using criteria set forth in 1D SBCCC 300.6 and 1D SBCCC 400.96.

(c) The State Board of Community Colleges shall review, at least every five years, service areas that include counties assigned to more than one community college to determine the feasibility of continuing to assign those counties to more than one community college. The State Board shall revise service areas as needed to ensure that counties are served effectively. The first review and any revisions shall be completed no later than March 1, 2016, and the State Board shall report its findings and any revisions to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee no later than March 1, 2016. All subsequent reviews and revisions shall also be submitted to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee.

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