

1B SBCCC 200.1 Establishing Colleges

A new college operating under Chapter 115D will be called a community college. An application for a new college must come from the county commissioners in the proposed administrative area. The application shall be sent to the state board which may direct the department to cooperate with the applicants in making a survey to determine the following:

- (1) Do the educational needs of the area justify the educational services proposed?
- (2) Can the existing public and private post-secondary institutions in the area meet the needs demonstrated?
- (3) If unmet educational needs exist that could be met by the proposed institution, will the projected student enrollment justify the proposed institution? As a standard, the projected enrollment should be a minimum of 400 full-time equivalent students in curriculum programs within three years after establishment.
- (4) Can adequate local current and capital expense funds be supplied? As a standard, the level of local current operating fund support should be equal to the existing median support for the institutions in the community college system.
- (5) Will the local public school tax support be affected adversely by the local support required for the proposed institution?
- (6) Do the boards of commissioners and boards of education in the area support the application?
- (7) Are the facilities proposed to house the new institution adequate?
- (8) Does the application fit the policy of reasonable geographic distribution in order to meet statewide needs? As a standard, no new institution shall be established within 25 miles of an existing institution within the community college system, except where urban population density or natural barriers become overriding considerations.
- (9) Will adequate state funds become available to support the proposed new institution?
- (10) Can the immediate needs of an area best be served by an extension unit operating under contract with an existing institution?

When the survey is completed, the Department will report to the state board and make its recommendation(s). Representatives of the college and board(s) of county commissioners may appear before the State Board and make a presentation at the meeting that the Department's recommendation is considered. The State Board shall make its recommenda-

tion(s) for the establishment of a new college to the General Assembly, including a request for additional funds if needed.

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