

STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES
Proposed Re-adoption of One Temporary Amendment Due to COVID-19

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Authority

The State Board can adopt temporary amendments to address serious threats to public health and safety, and to address unforeseen circumstances where notice and hearing would be contrary to the interest of community college stakeholders. (3B SBCCC 400.1).

Summary of the Temporary Amendment

- **Temp. Amendment of 1E SBCCC 200.2 – Time Due, Deferred Payment, Failure to Pay**
 - This re-adoption would continue to give colleges the ability to enroll or distribute an academic credential to a student with an outstanding balance if the college determines that the balance is due to a COVID-19 related reason.

Duration of the Amendment

The State Board adopted this temporary amendment on October 14, 2020, and it is set to expire on April 12, 2021. The amendment, if approved for re-adoption, would become effective on April 12, 2021, and will remain in place for 180 days or until rescinded by the State Board.



1 **State Board of Community Colleges Code**
2 **TITLE 1. COMMUNITY COLLEGES**

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4 **CHAPTER E. STUDENT TUITION AND FEES**

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6 **SUBCHAPTER 200. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

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8 **1E SBCCC 200.2 Time Due, Deferred Payment, Failure to Pay**

9 (a) Time Due. If a student registers on or before the first date of a course section, tuition,
10 registration fees, and other fees required for enrollment are due on a specific date
11 prescribed by the college that is on or before the first date of the course section. If a
12 student registers after the first date of the course section, tuition, registration fees, and
13 other fees required for enrollment are due at the time of the student's registration. A
14 student may satisfy the requirement for payment due through one or more of the
15 following methods:

- 16 (1) Directly paying the college.
17 (2) Demonstrating to the college's satisfaction that the student is eligible for financial
18 aid or other third-party payment.
19 (3) Entering into a deferred payment plan authorized by 1E SBCCC 200.2(b).
20 (4) Providing evidence of eligibility for a tuition or registration fee waiver consistent
21 with 1E SBCCC 800.

22 To ensure tuition receipts are deposited to the credit of the fiscal year in which the Fall
23 academic term occurs, colleges shall begin collecting curriculum tuition payments for
24 the Fall academic term on or after July 1 of that year.

25 (b) Deferred Payment. The college may, with approval of the board of trustees, prescribe
26 written procedures to permit short-term deferred payment or payment in installments;
27 provided, however, that payment in full is due by the end of the academic term. For
28 the purposes of this section, "short term" is defined as a period that does not extend
29 beyond the last day of the academic term.

1E SBCCC 200.2 is proposed for temporary amendment as follows:

1 (c) Failure to Pay. Unless otherwise prohibited by law, colleges may not enroll or
2 distribute an academic credential to a student with an outstanding balance for tuition
3 or registration fees except under the following circumstances:

4 (1) The college anticipates that the outstanding balance will be paid using pending
5 financial aid;

6 (2) A person or organization demonstrates to the satisfaction of the college the ability
7 to pay the outstanding obligation and guarantees in writing to pay the balance if
8 the student fails to do so;

9 (3) A student is registered in a course section offered for the benefit of a company or
10 agency. For the purpose of this rule, company or agency specific course sections
11 are courses where the company pays the tuition or registration, and courses where
12 attendance in the course section is limited to employees of the company or agency;

13 (4) A student is classified as a captive or co-opted student pursuant to 1D SBCCC
14 700.98(a); or

15 (5) A student is registered in a course that is on a specialized course list approved by
16 the State Board of Community Colleges and supports the organizational training
17 needs for entities specified in G.S. 115D-5(b)(2).

18 (6) The college, in its discretion, determines that the outstanding balance is due to a
19 COVID-19 related reason.

20 Unless otherwise prohibited by law, colleges may withhold transcripts of grades and
21 any other service pending resolution of outstanding monetary obligations. This
22 statement shall not be construed to prohibit a college's board of trustees from adding
23 more stringent provisions that are allowable under law regarding outstanding
24 monetary balances.

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26 *History Note:* Authority G.S. 115D-5; G.S. 115D-39;

27 Eff. [May 16, 2014](#);

28 Amended Eff. [February 1, 2015](#).

29 Temporary Amendment Eff. [March 19, 2020](#).

30 Temporary Amendment Repealed Eff. [April 17, 2020](#).

1E SBCCC 200.2 is proposed for temporary amendment as follows:

- 1 Temporary Amendment Eff. [April 17, 2020](#). Temporary amendment
- 2 expires October 14, 2020.
- 3 Temporary Amendment Eff. [October 14, 2020](#). Temporary
- 4 Amendment Expires April 12, 2021.
- 5 Temporary Amendment Eff. _____.

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