

**STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES**  
**State Board Reserve Funding for a Study of Programs**  
**for Students with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities**  
**FY 2019-20**

**Request:** The State Board of Community Colleges (SBCC) is asked to approve up to \$25,000 from State Board Reserve to fund a study of college programs for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD).

**Strategic Plan Reference:**

**Theme: Student Interest and Access**

Goal 1: Increase the percentage of North Carolinians, particularly within underserved populations, pursuing and easily accessing education or training through North Carolina Community Colleges.

- Objective 1.3: Identify and reduce access barriers for all prospective students, particularly among underserved populations.

**Background:** Students with IDD may need specialized programming with additional supports in order to meet their career goals. While a number of the community colleges have such programming, a systematic examination of availability and gaps, adherence to current best practices, and maximization of available funding sources has not taken place.

**Rationale:** Ensuring that the NC Community College System is well positioned to serve students with IDD is an important step toward achieving the System's objective of "identifying and reducing access barriers for all prospective students, particularly underserved populations." The study will include a scan of current programs, comparison to known best practices, student input on vocational aspirations, gap identification, and recommendations for addressing identified gaps.

**Budget:** The final cost of the study has not been determined, but the Board is asked to approve up to \$25,000 for this project.

**Fund Source and Availability:** FY 2019-20 funding is available from the State Board Reserve from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

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