

## STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES

## Waiver of State Board of Community Colleges Code Provisions Due to Hurricane Florence

**Request:** As authorized by 1A SBCCC 200.3, the State Board of Community Colleges is requested to waive SBCC Code provisions itemized below to assist with recovery from Hurricane Florence.

**Basis for the Waiver:** Due to the impact of Hurricane Florence, many colleges were forced to cancel classes and close their institutions – in some instances for an extended period – in the interest of public safety. Many students have experienced significant storm-related losses, impacting their ability to continue their education as planned. The State Board is requested to waive certain SBCC Code provisions in the public interest of promoting student retention and mitigating storm-related damage to colleges.

**General Waiver Conditions:** The following definitions shall apply to the waiver of the SBCC Code provisions:

- “Impacted college” is defined as a college located in a county declared a major disaster by the President of the United States under the Stafford Act (P.L. 93-288) as a result of Hurricane Florence.
- “Impacted student” is defined as a student who meets at least one of the following criteria:
  - (1) The student was enrolled as of September 10, 2018, at an impacted college.
  - (2) The student resided, as of September 10, 2018, temporarily or permanently, in a county declared a major disaster by the President of the United States under the Stafford Act (P.L. 93-288) as a result of Hurricane Florence.

**Waived SBCC Code Provisions, Specific Conditions, and Waiver Duration:**

- Notwithstanding 1H SBCCC 300.3, an impacted college may use excess bookstore revenues for repair projects or equipment replacements that are a result of damage caused by Hurricane Florence and are not covered by insurance or FEMA reimbursements. This waiver shall apply through June 30, 2019.
- Notwithstanding 1E SBCCC 200.2(c), a college may enroll, distribute an academic credential, or issue a transcript to an impacted student with an outstanding balance for tuition, registration fees, or other monetary obligation arising as a result of Hurricane Florence. This waiver shall apply through June 30, 2020.
- Notwithstanding 1E SBCCC 200.1(a), 1E SBCCC 300.1(b), and 1E SBCCC 400.1(b), if an impacted student is unable to complete one or more Fall 2018 courses due to circumstances arising from Hurricane Florence, a college may apply tuition paid by the impacted student for those courses to offset the tuition for courses the impacted student enrolls in Spring 2019, Summer 2019, Fall 2019, or Spring 2020 terms.
- Notwithstanding 1D SBCCC 400.8, a college may waive a prerequisite required by the Combined Course Library for an impacted student if the Chief Academic Officer or designee determines the impacted student has adequate prior knowledge to successfully perform in the course. This waiver shall apply through the Spring 2020 term.