

Temporary Adoption of 1B SBCCC 500.1 – “School Absence for National Guard Service”

Section 2 of H.B. 486 directs the State Board of Community Colleges (SBCC) to adopt and implement a uniform policy throughout the Community College System to provide that any student enrolled in a community college who is a National Guard service member placed onto State active duty status during an academic term shall be given an excused absence for the period of time the student is on active duty. Further, the policies shall provide options to the student for completion or withdrawal from classes that will not penalize the student academically. The SBCC shall adopt the policies by July 1, 2017 and direct community colleges to implement these policies beginning with the 2017 fall academic term. If H.B. 486 becomes law, staff recommends that the SBCC temporarily adopt 1B SBCCC 500.1 – “School Absence for National Guard Service” pursuant to 3B SBCCC 400.1(a).

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1 **State Board of Community College Codes**
2 **TITLE 1 – COMMUNITY COLLEGES**

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4 **CHAPTER B. COLLEGE OPERATIONS**

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6 **CHAPTER 500. STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**
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8 **1B SBCCC 500.1 School Absence for National Guard Service**

9 Beginning with the Fall 2017 academic term, each community college shall allow a
10 student enrolled in a community college who is a National Guard service member placed
11 onto State active duty status during an academic term to be given an excused absence
12 for the period of time the student is on active duty.

13 (a) Colleges shall provide the student the opportunity to make up any test or other work
14 missed during the excused absence.

15 (b) Colleges shall give the student the option, when feasible, to continue classes and
16 coursework during the academic term through online participation for the period of
17 time the student is placed on active duty.

18 (c) Colleges shall give the student the option of receiving a temporary grade of
19 "incomplete (IN)" or "absent from the final exam (AB)" for any course that the student
20 was unable to complete as a result of being placed on State active duty status;
21 however, the student must complete the course requirements within the period of time
22 specified by the college to avoid receiving a failing grade for the course.

23 (d) Colleges shall permit the student to drop, with no penalty, any course that the student
24 was unable to complete as a result of being placed on State active duty status.

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26 History Note: Authority G.S. 115D-5(x);

27 Temporary Adoption Eff. July 1, 2017.