

STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Basic Skills Revised State Plan

Request

The State Board is asked to approve changes to the Basic Skills State Plan for 2000 - 2004, extending it through the 2013 - 2014 program year.

Rationale for Changes and Extension

Section 422 of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA) (20 U.S.C. 1226 (a)) provides for the automatic extension of current program operations for one year if current law expires and a reauthorization is anticipated, but not yet available, to take its place. State Plans are required for States to receive allotments under the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA) and the plans that the Office of Vocational and Adult Education approved under AEFLA will expire June 30, 2013. Because the statute was expiring, those plans were not required to contain performance levels for Program Year 2013 - 2014. States and the Office of Adult Education needed to agree upon new performance targets for that period and the new targets have to be incorporated into the existing State Plan as a revision.

State plans are due to the United States Department of Education April 1, 2013. State Plans must also be submitted to the Governor of the state, and comments made by the Governor must be submitted along with the State Plan revisions.

The revised State Plan for North Carolina will include the following:

- 1) Required annual certifications that the State Plan is being submitted by the agency head with the authority for submitting the plan and that the Plan is in accordance with state law.
- 2) Updated organizational chart.
- 3) Required annual assurances that the funds will follow provisions of the law such as assuring that funds will not be expended for any other purpose than for activities specified in the legislation and that the eligible agency will expend the funds in a manner consistent with fiscal requirements.
- 4) Revised target performance measures (set in collaboration with the United States Department of Education).
- 5) A statement that the state will extend all grants from the 2013 – 2014 program year to the 2014-2015 program year.

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