

PUBLIC SAFETY MEMO PS25-05

TO: Chief Academic Officers, Senior Continuing Education Officers, Registrars, Law Enforcement Training Directors

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SUBJECT: Clarification on BLET Sponsorship Letters

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This memo provides clarification on the requirement for colleges to obtain and retain sponsorship letters for Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) students seeking a fee waiver.

The System Office has received questions regarding the ongoing requirement for colleges to obtain, and retain sponsorship letters for BLET students seeking a fee waiver. These questions appear to have stemmed from recent discussions during regional meetings for BLET school directors hosted by the NC Criminal Justice Standards Division.

As stated in State Board Code 1E SBCCC 800.2(a)(1):

“1) Notwithstanding subsection (a), trainees enrolled in Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) courses must obtain a letter of sponsorship from a state, county, or municipal law enforcement agency that is effective as of the first day of the course section to be eligible for a tuition or registration fee waiver and meet the criteria provided in 1G SBCCC 200.93 or 1G SBCCC 200.94. The college must maintain documentation of the sponsorship on file. A sponsorship letter shall remain effective for one year from the date of issuance unless the law enforcement agency rescinds its sponsorship earlier. If the law enforcement agency rescinds its sponsorship prior to the student completing the course section, the student shall be in class membership if he or she otherwise meets the criteria for class membership provided in

1G SBCCC Subchapter 200 and any applicable local policies adopted pursuant to 1D SBCCC 400.2(c). The student must pay the applicable tuition or registration fees to remain enrolled in the course section.”

Colleges must continue to obtain and retain sponsorship letters for BLET students to qualify for a fee waiver, in accordance with 1E SBCCC 800.2 (a)(1), for compliance purposes.

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