

NUMBERED MEMO CC25-047

TO: Members of the State Board of Community Colleges, Chairs of the Community College Boards of Trustees, Community College Presidents, Chief Academic Officers, Chief Admissions Officers, Basic Skills Directors, Business Officers, Continuing Education Officers, Customized Training Directors, Chief Financial Officers, Distance Learning, Financial Aid Officers, Personnel Officers, Student Development Administrators, Public Information Officers, Registrars, & Other Interested Parties

FROM: Jonnell Carpenter, *NCCCS General Counsel*

SUBJECT: Proposed Amendment of 1G SBCCC 200.96 – Training for Public Safety Agencies

DATE: May 20, 2025

On May 16, 2025, the State Board of Community Colleges (SBCC) initiated the rulemaking process to amend **1G SBCCC 200.96 – Training for Public Safety Agencies**. The proposed amendment would update language and address cost issues to better align public safety training with current needs and help colleges serve their communities more effectively. The proposed amendment is published on the NC Community College System's website, [Numbered Memos - NCCCS \(ncccommunitycolleges.edu\)](https://ncccommunitycolleges.edu/numbered-memos). For your convenience, a copy of the proposed rule, with the changes indicated, is attached to this memorandum. Strikethroughs indicate deletions of existing language and underlines indicate additions of language.

Any member of the public has the right to submit written comments on the proposed rule. Please note that any person who submits public comments on behalf of their community college should comply with their college's local process for submitting comments on a proposed rule. **Written comments on the rule must be received by no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 19, 2025.** Any member of the public has the right to request a hearing on the proposed rule. **Requests for a hearing must be received by no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 4, 2025.**

Written comments and requests for hearing shall be directed to the following address:
Jonnell Carpenter, 5001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-5001 or by email to
publiccomments@nccommunitycolleges.edu. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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State Board of Community Colleges Code

Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Form

Date: May 20, 2025

Title, Chapter, Subchapter, and Rule Number of Rule Proposed to be Adopted, Amended, or Repealed	Amend 1G SBCCC 200.96 – Training for Public Safety Agencies
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Specify whether the SBCC proposes to amend, adopt, or repeal a rule:

Adopt
(new rule)

Amend
(change existing rule)

Repeal
(delete entire rule)

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Rationale for proposed adoption, amendment, or repeal:	The amendment proposal aligns with industry needs to support colleges in providing public safety training programs.
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Proposed Effective Date of Rule	August 1, 2025
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State Board of Community Colleges Code
TITLE – COMMUNITY COLLEGES

CHAPTER G. FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)

SUBCHAPTER 200. FTE REPORTING CATEGORIES/CRITERIA

1G SBCCC 200.96 Training for Public Safety Agencies

(a) ~~Training for Public Law Enforcement~~ Public Safety Agencies. Notwithstanding 1G SBCCC 100.1 (6) and 1G SBCCC 100.99 (a) (1), the following Budget FTE funding rules apply to courses provided by a community college in partnership with the public safety agencies listed under G.S. 115D-5 (b) (2) and (2a) that support the organizations' training needs:

(1) Instructional costs may include the direct costs of delivering course content.

(A) Salary of the instructor(s), fringe benefits, supplies, materials, travel paid from college funds, and

(B) Equipment and specialized facilities specific to public safety training programs.

(2) If all instructional costs, as defined in (a) (1), are provided at no cost or paid totally and directly by an external agency, the course section is considered "gratis" and shall be reported as self-supporting. The course section shall not generate Budget FTE.

(3) If a college only provides instructional costs as defined in (a) (1) (b) the college may report student membership hours for Budget FTE in accordance with 1G SBCCC 100.99 (a).

(4) Notwithstanding 1G SBCCC 100.99 (a) (2) an agency may reimburse the college for a given course section up to 50% of the instructional costs as defined by (a) (1) (a). The student membership hours generated in the course section may be reported for budget FTE. If the college is reimbursed for more than 50 percent of the instructional cost for a given class, student hours in membership reported for the class shall be prorated in the same proportion as the college funding. If the

college is reimbursed for 100 percent of the instructional cost, the class would be gratis [see (a) (2) of this Rule] and no budget FTE would be generated.

(5) For all other course sections, the college shall report all student membership hours for Budget FTE.

(b) Notwithstanding 1G SBCCC 100.99 (a) (4), the following rules apply to courses provided by a community college in partnership with the public safety agencies listed under G.S. 115D-5 (b) (2) and (2a) that support the organizations' training needs:

(1) A community college may contract with a public safety agency in their service area(s) to provide instructors for certification training that supports the college's educational mission and that leads to a credential or is a continuing education course that supports maintenance of an existing credential.

(2) Instructor(s) provided by the public safety agency must remain compensated by the agency for the duration of the contracted educational offering as specified by contract. The lead instructor must be solely assigned to the course during the contracted course times.

(3) The college must maintain control over all aspects of the educational offering.

(4) When applicable, only the college may exercise its delivery agency status, and all processes thereof, during any given educational offering.

(5) The college shall report all student membership hours for Budget FTE.

~~(1) When a college is an accredited and designated direct delivery agency for initial certification training for public law enforcement agencies and funds 50% or greater of the instructional cost and the school director's salary, the college shall report the hours generated from the instruction for full budget FTE when the training is delivered in accordance with all other budget FTE and program requirements. For the purposes of this Subparagraph, the college shall supervise the school director and instructors. The college must also maintain full authority and control over the curriculum. Enrollment for any training course shall be open to all students who satisfy any course prerequisites, and who meet the requirements for admission of trainees imposed by the NC Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission in 12 NCAC~~

1 ~~09B .0203. Enrollment shall not be limited or restricted to the members,~~
2 ~~employees, associates, or trainees of any direct delivery agent or agents~~
3 ~~unless required by the NC Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards~~
4 ~~Commission.~~

5 ~~(2) When a public law enforcement agency external to a college is the accredited~~
6 ~~and designated direct delivery agency for initial certification training, the~~
7 ~~college may deliver a maximum of 25% of the total program hours and shall~~
8 ~~receive full budget FTE for the hours generated. A college shall not receive~~
9 ~~any state funds for hours generated above 25% of the total program hours.~~

10 ~~(A) A college shall provide initial certification law enforcement training for an~~
11 ~~accredited and designated direct delivery public law enforcement agency~~
12 ~~under a written agreement. The agreement shall:~~

13 ~~(i) Confirm that the public law enforcement agency does not have the~~
14 ~~— funds to provide the training;~~

15 ~~(ii) designate the source of funds for the training;~~

16 ~~(iii) list the courses to be taught;~~

17 ~~(iv) provide the total hours of instruction to be delivered; and~~

18 ~~(v) be signed by the president or the president's designee, and the senior~~
19 ~~— official of the public law enforcement agency.~~

20 ~~(B) The college shall receive full budget FTE for hours generated when the~~
21 ~~training is delivered in accordance with this agreement and all other~~
22 ~~budget FTE and program requirements. The college shall maintain a copy~~
23 ~~of the agreement on file until released from all compliance reviews.~~

24 ~~(3) A college may deliver in-service training for designated direct delivery public~~
25 ~~law enforcement agencies beyond the initial certification training and receive~~
26 ~~full budget FTE for hours generated when the training is delivered in~~
27 ~~accordance with all other budget FTE and program requirements. A college~~
28 ~~providing in-service training for public law enforcement agencies is not~~
29 ~~subject to subparagraph (a)(1) or (a)(2) of this Rule.~~

30 ~~(b) Training for Public Fire and Rescue Agencies.~~

31 ~~(1) When a college is a designated direct delivery agency for initial certification~~

1 training for public fire and rescue services agencies and funds 50% or greater
2 of the instructional cost, the college shall report hours generated from
3 instruction for full budget FTE when the training is offered in accordance with
4 all other budget FTE and program requirements. For the purposes of this
5 Subparagraph, the college shall supervise the school director and instructors.
6 The college must also maintain full authority and control over the curriculum.
7 Enrollment for any training course shall be open to all students who satisfy
8 any course prerequisites. Enrollment shall not be limited or restricted to the
9 members, employees, associates, or trainees of any direct delivery agent or
10 agents.

11 (2) When a public fire and rescue agency external to a college is the designated
12 direct delivery agency for initial certification training, the college may deliver a
13 maximum of 25% of the total program hours and shall receive full budget FTE
14 for the hours generated. A college shall not receive any state funds for hours
15 generated above 25% of the total program hours.

16 (A) A college shall provide initial fire and rescue training for a designated
17 direct delivery public fire and rescue agency under a written agreement.
18 The agreement shall:
19 (i) confirm that the public fire and rescue agency does not have the funds
20 —to provide the training;
21 (ii) designate the source of funds for the training;
22 (iii) list the courses to be taught;
23 (iv) provide the total hours of instruction to be delivered; and be signed by
24 the president or the president's designee, and the senior official of the
25 public fire and rescue agency.

26 (B) The college shall receive full budget FTE for hours generated when the
27 training is delivered in accordance with this agreement and all other
28 budget FTE and program requirements. The college shall maintain a copy
29 of the agreement on file until released from all compliance reviews.

30 (3) A college may deliver in-service training for public designated direct delivery
31 fire and rescue agencies beyond the initial certification training and receive full

1 budget FTE for hours generated when the training is delivered in accordance
2 with all other budgetary FTE and program requirements. A college providing
3 in-service training for public fire and rescue agencies is not subject to
4 subparagraph (b)(1) or (b)(2) of this Rule.

5 ~~(c) Training for Emergency Medical Services Agencies.~~

6 ~~(1) When a college is a designated direct delivery agency for initial certification~~
7 ~~training for public emergency medical services training and funds 50% or~~
8 ~~greater of the instructional costs, the college shall report hours generated~~
9 ~~from instruction for full budget FTE when the training is offered in accordance~~
10 ~~with all other budget FTE and program requirements. For the purposes of this~~
11 ~~Subparagraph, the college shall supervise the school director and instructors.~~
12 ~~The college must also maintain full authority and control over the curriculum.~~
13 ~~Enrollment for any training course shall be open to all students who satisfy~~
14 ~~any course prerequisites. Enrollment shall not be limited or restricted to the~~
15 ~~members, employees, associates, or trainees of any direct delivery agent or~~
16 ~~agents.~~

17 ~~(2) When a public emergency medical services agency external to a college is~~
18 ~~the designated direct delivery agency for initial certification training, the~~
19 ~~college may deliver a maximum of 25% of the total program hours and shall~~
20 ~~receive full budget FTE for the hours generated. A college shall not receive~~
21 ~~any state funds for hours generated above 25% of the total program hours.~~

22 ~~(A) A college shall provide initial emergency medical services training for a~~
23 ~~direct delivery public emergency medical services agency under a written~~
24 ~~agreement. The agreement shall:~~

25 ~~(i) confirm that the public emergency medical services agency does not~~
26 ~~have the funds to provide the training;~~

27 ~~(ii) designate the source of funds for the training;~~

28 ~~(iii) list the courses to be taught;~~

29 ~~(iv) provide the total hours of instruction to be delivered; and~~

30 ~~(v) be signed by the president or the president's designee, and the senior~~
31 ~~official of the emergency medical services agencies.~~

1 ~~(B) The college shall receive full budget FTE for hours generated when the~~
2 ~~training is delivered in accordance with this agreement and all other~~
3 ~~budget FTE and program requirements. The college shall maintain a copy~~
4 ~~of the agreement on file until released from all compliance reviews.~~

5 ~~(3) A college may deliver in-service training for designated direct delivery public~~
6 ~~emergency medical services agencies beyond the initial certification training~~
7 ~~and receive full budget FTE for hours generated when the training is delivered~~
8 ~~in accordance with all other budgetary FTE and program requirements. A~~
9 ~~college providing in-service training for public emergency medical services~~
10 ~~agencies is not subject to subparagraphs (c)(1) or (c)(2) of this Rule.~~

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12 *History Note: Authority G.S. 115D-5;*

13 *Eff. August 1, 2004;*

14 *Amended Eff. _____; [May 1, 2017](#); June 1, 2008.*