

**NUMBERED MEMO CC25-049**

**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 1H SBCCC 200.6 – Expenditure of State Funds: Accreditation Expenses & Dues

**DATE:** May 20, 2025

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On May 16, 2025, the State Board of Community Colleges (SBCC) initiated the rulemaking process to amend **1H SBCCC 200.6 – Expenditure of State Funds: Accreditation Expenses & Dues**. The proposed amendment would replace all references of Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) with “institutional accrediting agency” for annual dues or other relative expenses. The proposed amendment is published on the NC Community College System's website, [Numbered Memos - NCCCS \(ncccommunitycolleges.edu\)](https://ncccommunitycolleges.edu). 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](mailto: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

<b>Title, Chapter, Subchapter, and Rule Number of Rule Proposed to be Adopted, Amended, or Repealed</b>	Amend 1H SBCCC 200.6 – Expenditure of State Funds: Accreditation Expenses & Dues
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Specify whether the SBCC proposes to amend, adopt, or repeal a rule:

<b>Adopt</b> (new rule)	<b>Amend</b> (change existing rule)	<b>Repeal</b> (delete entire rule)
	X	

<b>Rationale for proposed adoption, amendment, or repeal:</b>	Recent North Carolina legislation allows community colleges to use accreditors other than SACSCOC. Updating the State Board Code ensures legal compliance as well as providing clear guidance on accreditor selection and maintain system wide accountability and access to federal funding.
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<b>Proposed Effective Date of Rule</b>	August 1, 2025
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**State Board of Community Colleges Code**  
**TITLE 1. COMMUNITY COLLEGES**

**CHAPTER H. FISCAL MANAGEMENT**

**SUBCHAPTER 200. STATE FUNDS**

**1H SBCCC 200.6 Expenditure of State Funds: Accreditation Expenses & Dues**

- (a) Accreditation expenses relative to ~~Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges~~ an institutional accrediting agency may be paid from State funds within the institution's current allotment. These expenses shall be limited to payment of travel, subsistence, lodging, and honorarium incurred by members of visiting committees, other bona fide representatives, and members of the staff of accrediting organizations. This Rule permits payment of only those expenses for which an institution is customarily invoiced by an accrediting organization following a visit.
- (b) The institution may pay from State funds the required annual dues of the ~~Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges~~ institutional accrediting agency, and such institutional association membership dues as the board of trustees deems to benefit the institution. Regarding membership dues ~~in the Southern Association~~, this Rule applies to annual dues of correspondents and candidates for membership, as well as accredited members.
- (c) The institution may also pay from State funds the fees for accrediting individual programs offered by the institution if the college president determines that the accreditation provides value to graduates of the program.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 115D 5; 115D 55;*

*Eff. [November 1, 2015](#).*

*Amended Eff. \_\_\_\_\_*