STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES Allocation for Disaster Recovery Act of 2025 – Part II FY2025-26

Request: The State Board of Community Colleges is requested to approve a reallocation of \$1,106,081 to six community colleges designated as most impacted by Hurricane Helene.

<u>Background</u>: Section 2A.2(b) of The Disaster Recovery Act of 2025 – Part II (SL 2025-26), provides regulatory flexibility for unused funds originally appropriated to the North Carolina Community Colleges System Office for the tuition grant program established pursuant to Section 4A.3 of Session Law 2024-53.

Rationale: This reallocation ensures that financial support is directed to the institutions most affected by Hurricane Helene, enabling them to continue providing essential educational services and support to students during recovery. The reallocation also aligns with the legislative intent to maximize the impact of available disaster recovery funds.

<u>Method of Allocation</u>: Funds were allocated based on each college's proportion of the prior year's funding under the tuition and registration fee grant program. This method ensures equitable distribution relative to historical funding levels and institutional need.

Section 4A.3 Tuition and Registration Fee Grant Allocations

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College	Category	Amount of Funding
Asheville-Buncombe TCC	1	\$432,718
Blue Ridge CC	1	232,568
Haywood CC	1	97,231
Mayland CC	1	80,680
McDowell TCC	1	122,480
Western Piedmont CC	1	140,404
Total		\$1,106,081

Consistent with 1H SBCC 200.1, if a college voluntarily forgoes an amount of its approved allocation because it is not able to fully expend the funds and other colleges have a need for those funds, the System Office can reallocate these funds to any college with an identified unmet need.

<u>Allocation Amount and Time Period:</u> The allocation of funding is for the period of July 1, 2025 until June 30, 2027.

<u>Fund Source and Availability:</u> These funds are available from the initial appropriation in SL 2024-53.

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