

NUMBERED MEMO CC26-048

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 Adoption of 1F SBCCC 100.96 – Community College Students Convicted of Assaulting Officers or Employees of the State

DATE: August 19, 2026

On August 14, 2026, the State Board of Community Colleges (SBCC) initiated the rulemaking process to adopt **1F SBCCC 100.96 – Community College Students Convicted of Assaulting Officers or Employees of the State**. The proposed adoption reflects legislative changes that deny in-state tuition and state-funded scholarships to students who, while enrolled, are convicted of assaulting a state or local government officer or employee. The denial will take effect in the academic term following the conviction. These provisions will become effective December 1, 2026, and apply to offenses committed on or after that date.

The proposed adoption 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 adopted language 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 September**

18, 2026. 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 September 3, 2026.

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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Attachment



State Board of Community Colleges Code

Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Form

Date: August 19, 2026

Title, Chapter, Subchapter, and Rule Number of Rule Proposed to be Adopted, Amended, or Repealed	Adoption of 1F SBCCC 100.96 – Community College Students Convicted of Assaulting Officers or Employees of the State
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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)
X		

Rationale for proposed adoption, amendment, or repeal:	This adoption is in response to Session Law 2026-41 which added a new section, § 115D-10.85, requiring the State Board of Community Colleges to adopt a policy that prohibits the Community Colleges System Office and community colleges from awarding State-funded scholarships or grants to students who are convicted, while enrolled, of assaulting a State or local government officer or employee under G.S. 14-33(c)(4). The student becomes ineligible beginning with the academic term or semester following the conviction. This policy is effective December 1, 2026, and applies to offenses committed on or after this date.
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Proposed Effective Date of Rule	November 1, 2026
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State Board of Community Colleges Code
TITLE 1. COMMUNITY COLLEGES



CHAPTER F. STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

SUBCHAPTER 100. FINANCIAL AID

**1F SBCCC 100.96 Community College Students Convicted of Assaulting
Officers or Employees of the State**

(a) The System Office and each community college shall be prohibited from providing a State-funded scholarship or grant to any student who, while enrolled as a student, has been convicted of assaulting an officer or employee of the State or any political subdivision of the State when the officer or employee is discharging or attempting to discharge his official duties.

(b) Any student enrolled at a community college who has been convicted of assaulting an officer or employee of the State or any political subdivision of the State shall be disqualified from receiving the in-state tuition rate. The disqualification begins the semester or academic term following the conviction.

(c) This Section is effective December 1, 2026, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

History Note: Authority G.S. 115D-10.85; G.S. 116-143.2A

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