

**TITLE 131
LEGISLATIVE RULE
STATE COLLEGE SYSTEM OF WEST VIRGINIA
SERIES 22**

TITLE: ASSESSMENT, PAYMENT, and REFUND OF FEES

SECTION 1. GENERAL

- 1.1 Scope - This rule establishes policy regarding assessment, payment and refund of fees.
- 1.2 Authority - West Virginia Code § 18B-1-6, 18B-10-8, 18B-10-1
- 1.3 Filing Date - March 28, 1994
- 1.4 Effective Date - March 28, 1994

SECTION 2. GENERAL RULES

- 2.1 No financial credit of any type shall be extended to any individual, either student or other, at any state college. All colleges shall operate on a strictly cash basis with all payments and obligations being collected prior to the start of classes except as provided in this rule. Fees include tuition registration, HERF, faculty improvement, activity, lab and other course related fees.
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4.1 Continuing Students. Except for first-time enrollees, as specified in Section 4.2 of this rule, students who officially withdraw during a semester in the academic year shall receive a refund of regular fees in accordance with the following schedule.

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4.2 First time enrollees. Students who officially withdraw before or during their first period of enrollment at the enrolling institution shall have their refund calculated as follows, in accordance with the provisions contained in the 1992 amendments to the federal Higher Education Act.

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4.4 A withdrawal fee may be charged by the institution not to exceed five percent (5%) of the total student fees charged for the term or one hundred dollars (\$100.00), whichever is less.

SECTION 5. REFUND OF ROOM AND BOARD

5.1 Room: Refund, if any, shall be based on the housing contract signed by the student.

5.2 Board: Refund shall be prorated based upon the date of official withdrawal. All refunds are calculated from the first day of the formal registration period.

SECTION 6. REGISTRATION PERIOD - LATE FEE

6.1 A formal registration period shall be established at the beginning of each semester or term at which time fees are due and payable in accordance with the provisions of this rule. In addition, a late registration period may be established. A late fee not to exceed thirty dollars (\$30) shall be imposed

on all late registrants. The president of the institution or a designee shall have the authority to waive the fee in cases where evidence indicates the delay occurred through a fault of the institution.

- 6.2 An exception to the registration time period may be granted to an individual under rare circumstances and then only when there is evidence that the student has a reasonable opportunity to complete successfully all course work. The president or a designee must approve the exception with the evidence documented and held on file supporting the decision.
- 6.3 The first two class meetings shall be considered the regular registration period for nontraditional students registering for evening, Saturday, off-campus, extension and other special classes. In addition, a late registration period may be established which shall not exceed the third and fourth class meetings. A late fee of not to exceed thirty dollars (\$30) shall be imposed on all late registrants.

SECTION 7. INSTALLMENT PAYMENT PLANS

- 7.1 Student fee deferred payment plans will be offered for fall and spring terms.
- 7.2 All available financial aid for the term must be credited to the student's account prior to determining the amount available for deferral.
- 7.3 After all financial aid is applied to the student's account, sixty percent (60%) of the balance of student fees must be paid prior to the start of classes.
- 7.4 The remaining balance, including interest, must be paid prior to the end of the sixth week of classes.
- 7.5 Interest on the deferred amount may be charged at a rate not to exceed the legal limit.
- 7.6 Room and board and other non-course related charges may be divided into installments as determined by the institution.

SECTION 8. USE OF CREDIT CARDS

- 8.1 The use of credit cards for payment of student fees is authorized at State College System institutions under the statewide contract initiated by the

State Board of Investments or under an alternate program approved by the State College System Board of Directors.

- 8.2 To the extent allowed by law or policy of the credit card company, each institution is authorized to impose a surcharge on credit card payments equal to any amount that may be imposed by the credit card company as a vendor discount or service fee.

SECTION 9. ENROLLMENT ABOVE THE NORMAL FULL-TIME COURSE LOAD

- 9.1 Each institution shall adopt penalties for students who routinely withdraw from classes after a semester has begun, with special emphasis on students who initially register for more than eighteen (18) credit hours and who routinely withdraw from classes after the semester has begun. The policy setting such penalties at each institution shall be submitted to the chancellor.

SECTION 10. DEFERRAL OF FEES DURING A LEGAL WORK STOPPAGE

- 10.1 Any student adversely, financially affected by a legal work stoppage that commenced on or after the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred ninety three (1993) may be allowed, on a case-by-case basis, an additional six months to pay the fees for any academic term, in accordance with procedures established by the board.

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H. B. 4439

(By Delegates Ashcraft and S. Williams)

(Introduced February 11, 1994; referred to the
Committee on Education then the Judiciary.)

10 A BILL to amend and reenact sections two and three, article
11 seventeen, chapter eighteen-b of the code of West Virginia,
12 one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to
13 legislative rules; authorizing specific regulations relating
14 to higher education including acceptance of advanced
15 placement credit; assessment, payment and refund of fees;
16 personnel administration; and resource allocation.

17 Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

18 That sections two and three, article seventeen, chapter
19 eighteen-b of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine
20 hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read
21 as follows:

22 ARTICLE 17. LEGISLATIVE RULES.

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24 (a) The legislative rules filed in the state register on the
25 third day of December, one thousand nine hundred ninety-one,
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1 legislative oversight commission on education accountability and
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4 trustees (report card), are authorized.

5 (b) The legislative rules filed in the state register on the
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7 relating to the board of trustees (equal opportunity and
8 affirmative action), are authorized.

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10 eighth day of September, one thousand nine hundred ninety-two,
11 relating to the board of trustees (holidays), are authorized.

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14 relating to the board of trustees (alcoholic beverages on
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18 ninety-three, relating to the board of trustees (acceptance of
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6 Directors relating to the acceptance of advanced placement
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SENATE BILL NO. 243

(By Senator Lucht)

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AGENCY: Directors

FROM: JUDY COOPER, DIRECTOR, ADMINISTRATIVE LAW DIVISION

DATE: April 1, 1994

THE ATTACHED RULE FILED BY YOUR AGENCY HAS BEEN ENTERED INTO OUR COMPUTER SYSTEM. PLEASE REVIEW, PROOF AND RETURN IT WITH ANY CORRECTIONS. IF THERE ARE NO CORRECTIONS, PLEASE SIGN THIS MEMO AND RETURN IT TO THIS OFFICE. YOU WILL BE SENT A FINAL VERSION OF THE RULE FOR YOUR RECORDS.

PLEASE RETURN EITHER THE CORRECTED RULE OR THIS FORM WITHIN TEN (10) WORKING DAYS OF THE DATE YOU RECEIVED THIS REQUEST. CALL IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

SERIES: 22 TITLE: 131 Directors

* THE ATTACHED RULE HAS BEEN REVIEWED AND IS CORRECT.

SIGNED: _____

TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING: _____

DATE: _____

* THE ATTACHED RULE HAS BEEN REVIEWED AND NEEDS CORRECTING. THE CORRECTIONS HAVE BEEN MARKED.

SIGNED: Brenda Brooks

TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING: Secretary

DATE: April 5, 1994

NOTE: IF YOU ARE NOT THE PERSON WHO HANDLES THIS RULE, PLEASE FORWARD TO THE CORRECT PERSON.

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SB 243 authorizing, **Title 131, Series 22, Assessment, Payment & Refund of Fees**, passed the Legislature on **March 12, 1994**. It is now awaiting the Governor's signature.

You have sixty (60) days after the Governor signs SB 243, to final file the legislative rule with the Secretary of State's office. To final file your legislative rule, fill in the blanks on the enclosed form #6, the "Final Filing" form and file the form with our office with a promulgation history of the rule. Authorization for your legislative rule is cited in **SB 243** section **18B-17-3(g)**. The agency may set the effective date of the legislative rule up to ninety (90) days from the date the legislative rule is final filed with the Secretary of State's office. Please have an authorized signature on the bottom line.

*****IMPORTANT: IF YOUR AGENCY HAS COMPLETED THE LEGISLATIVE RULE ON A WORD PERFECT OR WORD PERFECT COMPATIBLE COMPUTER SYSTEM THAT USES A 3 1/2" OR 5 1/4" DISK, YOU MUST SUBMIT A CLEAN COPY, WITH ALL UNDERLINING AND STRIKE-THROUGHS TAKEN OUT, TO OUR OFFICE WHEN FINAL FILING THE RULE. STATE ON THE DISK THE FORMAT THE RULE IS IN AND THE TITLE IT IS FILED UNDER. THIS WILL MAKE IT QUICKER FOR US TO ENTER YOUR RULES ON THE LEGISLATIVE DATA BASE. REMEMBER THE TEXT OF THE COMPUTER FILED RULE MUST BE IDENTICAL - WORD FOR WORD, COMMA FOR COMMA, WITH ALL UNDERLINING AND STRIKE-THROUGHS TAKEN OUT, AS THE HARD COPY AUTHORIZED BY THE LEGISLATURE.**

After the final rule is entered into the legislative data base, the rule will be sent to the agency for review and proofing. Following confirmation or corrections, as the case may be, the Secretary of State shall submit to the agency a final version of the rule for their records.

If you have any questions or need any assistance, please do not hesitate to call our office.

Thank You
Administrative Law Division

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5.2. Board: Refund shall be prorated based upon the date of official withdrawal. All refunds are calculated from the first day of the formal registration period.

§131-22-6. Registration Period - Late Fee.

6.1. A formal registration period shall be established at the beginning of each semester or term at which time fees are due and payable in accordance with the provisions of this rule. In addition, a late registration period may be established. A late fee not to exceed thirty dollars (\$30) shall be imposed on all late registrants. The president of the institution or a designee shall have the authority to waive the fee in cases where evidence indicates the delay occurred through a fault of the institution.

6.2. An exception to the registration time period may be granted to an individual under rare circumstances and then only when there is

evidence that the student has a reasonable opportunity to complete successfully all course work. The president or a designee must approve the exception with the evidence documented and held on file supporting the decision.

6.3. The first two class meetings shall be considered the regular registration period for nontraditional students registering for evening, Saturday, off-campus, extension and other special classes. In addition, a late registration period may be established which shall not exceed the third and fourth class meetings. A late fee of not to exceed thirty dollars (\$30) shall be imposed on all late registrants.

§131-22-7. Installment Payment Plans.

7.1. Student fee deferred payment plans will be offered for fall and spring terms.

7.2. All available financial aid for the term must be credited to the student's account prior to determining the amount available for deferral.

7.3. After all financial aid is applied to the student's account, sixty percent (60%) of the balance of student fees must be paid prior to the start of classes.

7.4. The remaining balance, including interest, must be paid prior to the end of the sixth week of classes.

7.5. Interest on the deferred amount may be charged at a rate not to exceed the legal limit.

7.6. Room and board and other non-course related charges may be divided into installments as determined by the institution.

§131-22-8. Use of Credit Cards.

8.1. The use of credit cards for payment of student fees is authorized at State College System institutions under the statewide contract initiated by the State Board of Investments or under an alternate program approved by the State College System Board of Directors.

8.2. To the extent allowed by law or policy of the credit card company, each institution is authorized to impose a surcharge on credit card payments equal to any amount that may be imposed by the credit card company as a vendor discount or service fee.

§131-22-9. Enrollment Above the Normal Full-Time Course Load.

9.1. Each institution shall adopt penalties for students who routinely withdraw from classes after a semester has begun, with special emphasis on students who initially register for more than eighteen (18) credit hours and who routinely withdraw from classes after the semester has begun. The policy setting such penalties at each institution shall be submitted to the chancellor.

§131-22-10. Deferral of Fees During a Legal Work Stoppage.

10.1. Any student adversely, financially affected by a legal work stoppage that commenced on or after the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred ninety three (1993) may be allowed, on a case-by-case basis, an additional six months to pay the fees for any academic term, in accordance with procedures established by the board.