

EXHIBIT B

CRITERIA  
FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MODIFICATION  
OF INSTITUTIONS UNDER  
STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION

Act 1268 of 1972 authorizes certain changes in the public two-year post secondary educational system subject to the approval of both the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education and the Commission on Higher Education. This agreement between The State Board and the Commission establishes procedures and criteria, as needed, for:

(1) the establishment of any new technical or comprehensive institution under the jurisdiction of the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education;

(2) the addition to any technical education center of associate degree programs designed primarily to qualify students for pursuit of a higher degree (AA or AS degree program);

(3) the merging of two (or more) existing two-year public institutions;

(4) the addition of occupational programs to any off-campus Branch or Center of USC or Clemson University seeking to become comprehensive and to come under the jurisdiction of the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education.

This agreement pertains to single campus operation. Additional campuses of the same institution will require separate approval by the State Board and the Commission. Justification for additional campuses will be supported by objective analyses of population concentration and distribution, commuting distances and access routes.

## PROCEDURES

Before any substantive change may be considered formally by the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education or by the Commission on Higher Education the institutions affected shall comply fully with the provisions of Section 3 of Act 1268 of 1972. For all substantive changes under this agreement, the State Board shall require such objective studies bearing on the proposed changes as may be necessary. The staffs of both agencies shall review and prepare appropriate recommendations on programs, enrollments, facilities and finances for such proposed changes prior to their submission to the State Board or the Commission for action. All proposals should delineate as precisely as possible the effects of the proposed change on existing public or private institutions. Justification for exceptions to criteria must be objectively documented and approved by the State Board and the Commission.

## CRITERIA

In each case as applicable, the following criteria shall be considered by each agency:

- I. Criteria for Establishing New Technical or Comprehensive Institutions:
  - A. There shall be a minimum total population of 100,000 within the supporting area of the proposed institution.
  - B. There shall be a college-age (18-21) population of 8,000 within the supporting area of the proposed institution.
  - C. There shall be an annual high school graduation of 1,500 students within the supporting area of the proposed institution. Evidence shall be submitted that this level of annual graduations can be sustained for a period of at least five years.
  - D. There shall be a projected enrollment of 1,000 full-time curriculum students within three years of the establishment of the proposed institution.
  - E. There shall be an identifiable number of employment opportunities in the area served by the proposed institution to justify at least ten degree or diploma programs in occupational fields.

- F. There shall be a plan for adequate local supervision of the proposed institution. An Area Commission shall be established by legislative act that specifies the composition, powers, and responsibilities of the Commission. The legislative delegation (s) of the area served, including the Senator (s) where applicable, must recommend to the Governor the appointment of an Area Commission.
- G. Local funds must be provided to acquire a site and to construct suitable buildings as prescribed by the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education. Local funds may include federal funds allocated to local groups.

II. Criteria for Adding the Associate in Arts or the Associate in Science Degree to an Existing Technical Education Center:

- A. There shall be a minimum total population of 100,000 within the service area of the institution.
- B. There shall be a college-age (18-21) population of 8,000 within service area of the institution.
- C. There shall be an annual high school graduation of 1,500 students within the service area of the institution. Evidence shall be submitted that this level of annual graduations can be sustained for a period of at least five years.
- D. There shall be a projected opening day enrollment in AA and AS programs of 150 students, and a projected total FTE enrollment of 300 in such programs within five years.
- E. If there are in the service area other public two-year institutions offering programs which are designed primarily for transfer to baccalaureate degree programs, it shall be demonstrated by an objective analysis that at least 150 students per year are not being served by an open door admission policy in such institution.

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