

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
August 7, 2008**

SUBJECT: Regulation 7.015 – Florida National Guard Educational Assistance Programs

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve public notice of intent to create Regulation 7.015 for publication on the Board of Governor's web site pursuant to the Board's regulation development procedure.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Section 7(d), Article IX, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Regulation 7.015 provides the basic framework for the implementation and definition of two educational assistance programs available to members in good standing of the active Florida National Guard. The State Tuition Exemption Program (STEP) provides for a waiver of 50% of the tuition and fees assessed on a per student credit hour basis at a state university for credit courses in which they register on a space available basis. The Educational Dollars for Duty Program (EDD) will pay up to 100% of tuition and fees assessed on a per student credit hour basis at a state university for credit courses in which they register.

This regulation has been developed in cooperation with staff from Community Colleges and Department of Military Affairs. Less than five students received a waiver under the STEP program last year, thus the Department of Military Affairs is considering the elimination of the program. If the program is eventually eliminated or modified, this regulation will be updated at that time. The State Board of Education will adopt a similar rule at a future meeting. Each university was provided with a copy of the proposed regulation seeking their comments.

Pursuant to the regulation development procedure adopted by the Board at its March 23, 2006 meeting, the Board is required to provide public notice by publication on its internet web site at least 30 days before adoption of the proposed regulation.

Supporting Documentation Available: Provided in Committee Materials