

SB 6711-S - DIGEST

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Requires the small business development center to: (1) Establish an entrepreneurial and small business development online curriculum;

(2) Develop the curriculum course content in coordination with: The department of community, trade, and economic development; universities and community and technical colleges with small business assistance programs; the work force training and education coordinating board; and other public and private entrepreneurial and small business assistance centers in the state;

(3) Complete the curriculum as soon as possible, but no later than June 30, 2007;

(4) Make the curriculum free of charge and available for use by individuals and all public and private entrepreneurial development and small business assistance centers throughout the state;

(5) Promote curriculum use by providing electronic and printed informational materials on the curriculum to public and private entrepreneurial development and small business assistance centers throughout the state;

(6) Ensure curriculum accessibility by promoting the use of web links to the curriculum on state public and private web sites that small business owners and entrepreneurs use in establishing and incorporating their businesses; and

(7) Work to complete online links to the curriculum on state public and private web sites by December 31, 2007.

Requires the entrepreneurial and small business development curriculum courses to contain written assignments and progress standards that allow participants to submit their work product and prove curriculum completion to state agencies or private organizations for credit.