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POLICY TITLE: WEB ACCESSIBILITY

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Section 59-53-57 of the 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina, As Amended; Section 508 of the United States Workforce Rehabilitation Act of 1973, As Amended (29 U.S.C. 794d)

DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITY: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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The South Carolina Technical College System is committed to ensuring access to its Internet-based resources in accordance with State and Federal legal requirements. All college and system office web sites, as defined under Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act, shall be designed to be accessible, so that people with disabilities have access to online information, data, and services comparable to that accorded to individuals who do not have disabilities.

Web Developers designing Web content for all official Web pages must consider accessibility issues during initial development. For all new Web pages and revisions to currently used Web pages, Web Developers must follow the minimum standards listed below.

All colleges and the system office shall follow the standards established under Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, amended in 1998 by the Work Force Investment Act (Section 1194.22 and its subsequent amendments), as their minimum requirements for Web accessibility.

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It is recommended that all colleges and the System Office also follow the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines established by the World Wide Web Consortium's Web Accessibility Initiative (W3C-WAI) that are not addressed in Section 508.

Each college and the system office may develop more specific guidelines for dealing with web accessibility in accordance with Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act as well as the World Wide Web Consortium's Web Accessibility Initiative (W3C-WAI).