

**260C.17 Preparation and approval of budget — tax.**

The board of directors of each merged area shall prepare an annual budget designating the proposed expenditures for operation of the community college. The board shall further designate the amounts which are to be raised by local taxation and the amounts which are to be raised by other sources of revenue for the operation. The budget of each merged area shall be submitted to the state board no later than May 1 preceding the next fiscal year for approval. The state board shall review the proposed budget and shall, prior to June 1, either grant its approval or return the budget without approval with the comments of the state board attached to it. Any unapproved budget shall be resubmitted to the state board for final approval. Upon approval of the budget by the state board, the board of directors shall certify the amount to the respective county auditors and the boards of supervisors annually shall levy a tax of twenty and one-fourth cents per thousand dollars of assessed value on taxable property in a merged area for the operation of a community college. Taxes collected pursuant to the levy shall be paid by the respective county treasurers to the treasurer of the merged area as provided in section 331.552, subsection 29.

It is the policy of this state that the property tax for the operation of community colleges shall not in any event exceed twenty and one-fourth cents per thousand dollars of assessed value, and that the present and future costs of such operation in excess of the funds raised by such levy shall be the responsibility of the state and shall not be paid from property tax.

[C66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §280A.17]

84 Acts, ch 1003, §2; 90 Acts, ch 1253, §29  
C93, §260C.17