Student Services
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This policy was revised in legal Update 23 (issued on November 11, 2013) to update the legal references.

### **BP 5130 FINANCIAL AID**

### References:

Education Code Sections 66021.6 and 76300;

20 U.S. Code Sections 1070 et seq.;

34 Code of Federal Regulations Section 668;

U.S. Department of Education regulations on the Integrity of Federal Student Financial Aid Programs under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.

## **NOTE:** The following language in red, underlined ink is **legally required**.

A program of financial aid to students will be provided, which may include, but is not limited to, scholarships, grants, loans, and work and employment programs.

All financial aid programs will adhere to guidelines, procedures and standards issued by the funding agency, and will incorporate federal, state, and other applicable regulatory requirements.

The Chancellor shall establish, publicize, and apply satisfactory academic progress standards for participants in Title IV student aid programs.

**NOTE:** The policy provisions below are **legally required** in an effort to show good faith compliance with the applicable federal regulations.

### **Misrepresentation**

Consistent with the applicable federal regulations for federal financial aid, the District shall not engage in "substantial misrepresentation" of 1) the nature of its educational program, 2) the nature of its financial charges, or 3) the employability of its graduates.

The Chancellor shall establish procedures for regularly reviewing the District's website and other informational materials for accuracy and completeness and for training District employees and vendors providing educational programs, marketing, advertising,

recruiting, or admission services concerning the District's educational programs, financial charges, and employment of graduates to assure compliance with this policy.

The Chancellor shall establish procedures wherein the District shall periodically monitor employees' and vendors' communications with prospective students and members of the public and take corrective action where needed.

This policy does not create a private cause of action against the District or any of its representatives or service providers. The District and its Governing Board do not waive any defenses or governmental immunities by enacting this policy.

**NOTE:** The **red ink** signifies language that is **legally required** and recommended by the Policy and Procedure Service and its legal counsel. This document was reviewed by the administrative team on June 4, 2013. This revised document reflects the recommended revisions from legal Update 23 (issued on November 11, 2013).

### **Date Adopted:**

(This is a new policy recommended by the Policy and Procedure Service)

# **Legal Citations for BP 5130**

# 20 U.S.C. § 1070. Statement of purpose; program authorization

Release date: 2005-08-03

### (a) Purpose

It is the purpose of this part, to assist in making available the benefits of postsecondary education to eligible students (defined in accordance with section 1091 of this title) in institutions of higher education by—

- (1) providing Federal Pell Grants to all eligible students;
- **(2)** providing supplemental educational opportunity grants to those students who demonstrate financial need;
- (3) providing for payments to the States to assist them in making financial aid available to such students;
- (4) providing for special programs and projects designed
- (A) to identify and encourage qualified youths with financial or cultural need with a potential for postsecondary education,
- (B) to prepare students from low-income families for postsecondary education, and
- (C) to provide remedial (including remedial language study) and other services to students; and
- (5) providing assistance to institutions of higher education.
- (b) Secretary required to carry out purposes

The Secretary shall, in accordance with subparts 1 through 8 of this part, carry out programs to achieve the purposes of this part.

#### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION 34 CFR Part 668

RIN 1845-AA03

Student Assistance General Provisions

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Final regulations.

SUMMARY: We amend the regulations governing the disclosure of institutional and financial assistance information under the student financial assistance programs authorized under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (Title IV, HEA programs). These programs include the Federal Pell Grant Program, the campus-based programs (Federal Perkins Loan, Federal Work-Study (FWS), and Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) Programs), the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan) Program, the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program, and the Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership (LEAP) Program (formerly called the State Student Incentive Grant (SSIG) Program). These regulations implement statutory changes made to the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), by the Higher Education Amendments of 1998.

DATES: Effective Date: These regulations are effective July 1, 2000.

Implementation Date: The changes to certain sections, particularly
Secs. 668.41 (b) and (c) and 668.46(c) (1)-(4) and (f), reflect changes
made by Public Law 105-244 that already are in effect. Sections 668.41

(b) and (c) concern the distribution of information through electronic media and the distribution to enrolled students of a list of the information to which they are entitled upon request. Sections 668.46(c) (1)-(4) and (f) concern the reporting of crime statistics and the maintenance of a crime log. You may use these regulations prior to July 1, 2000 as guidance in complying with the relevant statutory provisions. You can find the full text of Public Law 105-244 at http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/publaw/105publ.html.

### EDUCATION CODE SECTION 66021.6

### 66021.6.

- (a) Notwithstanding any other law, and except as provided for in subdivision
- (b), the Trustees of the California State University and the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges shall, and the Regents of the University of California are requested to, establish procedures and forms that enable persons who are exempt from paying nonresident tuition under Section 68130.5, or who meet equivalent requirements adopted by the regents, to apply for, and participate in, all student aid programs administered by these segments to the full extent permitted by federal law. The Legislature finds and declares that this section is a state law within the meaning of Section 1621(d) of Title 8 of the United States Code.
- (b) The number of financial aid awards received by California resident students from financial aid programs administered by the segments shall not be diminished as a result of the application of subdivision (a). The University of California is requested to comply with this subdivision.
- (c) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2013.

(Added by Stats. 2011, Ch. 604, Sec. 1. Effective January 1, 2012. Section operative January 1, 2013, by its own provisions.)

#### **EDUCATION CODE SECTION 76300**

- **76300**. (a) The governing board of each community college district shall charge each student a fee pursuant to this section.
- (b) (1) The fee prescribed by this section shall be twenty-six dollars (\$26) per unit per semester, effective with the fall term of the 2004-05 academic year.
- (2) The board of governors shall proportionately adjust the amount of the fee for term lengths based upon a quarter system, and also shall proportionately adjust the amount of the fee for summer sessions, intersessions, and other short-term courses. In making these adjustments, the board of governors may round the per unit fee and the per term or per session fee to the nearest dollar.

- (c) For the purposes of computing apportionments to community college districts pursuant to Section 84750, the board of governors shall subtract, from the total revenue owed to each district, 98 percent of the revenues received by districts from charging a fee pursuant to this section.
- (d) The board of governors shall reduce apportionments by up to 10 percent to any district that does not collect the fees prescribed by this section.
  - (e) The fee requirement does not apply to any of the following:
- (1) Students enrolled in the noncredit courses designated by Section 84757.
- (2) California State University or University of California students enrolled in remedial classes provided by a community college district on a campus of the University of California or a campus of the California State University, for whom the district claims an attendance apportionment pursuant to an agreement between the district and the California State University or the University of California.
- (3) Students enrolled in credit contract **education** courses pursuant to Section 78021, if the entire cost of the course, including administrative costs, is paid by the public or private agency, corporation, or association with which the district is contracting and if these students are not included in the calculation of the full-time equivalent students (FTES) of that district.
- (f) The governing board of a community college district may exempt special part-time students admitted pursuant to Section 76001 from the fee requirement.
- (g) (1) The fee requirements of this section shall be waived for any student who, at the time of enrollment, is a recipient of benefits under the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families program, the Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Program, or a general assistance program or has demonstrated financial need in accordance with the methodology set forth in federal law or regulation for determining the expected family contribution of students seeking financial aid.
- (2) The governing board of a community college district also shall waive the fee requirements of this section for any student who demonstrates eligibility according to income standards established by regulations of the board of governors.
- (3) Paragraphs (1) and (2) may be applied to a student enrolled in the 2005-06 academic year if the student is exempted from nonresident tuition under paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of Section 76140.
- (h) The fee requirements of this section shall be waived for any student who, at the time of enrollment, is a dependent, or surviving spouse who has not remarried, of any member of the California National Guard who, in the line of duty and while in the active service of the state, was killed, died of a disability resulting from an event that occurred while in the active service of the state, or is permanently disabled as a result of an event that occurred while in the active service of the state. "Active service of the state," for the purposes of this subdivision, refers to a member of the California National Guard activated pursuant to Section 146 of the Military and Veterans Code.
- (i) The fee requirements of this section shall be waived for any student who is the surviving spouse or the child, natural or adopted, of a deceased person who met all of the requirements of Section 68120.
- (j) The fee requirements of this section shall be waived for any student in an undergraduate program, including a student who has previously graduated from another undergraduate or graduate program,

who is the dependent of any individual killed in the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon or the crash of United Airlines Flight 93 in southwestern Pennsylvania, if that dependent meets the financial need requirements set forth in Section 69432.7 for the Cal Grant A Program and either of the following applies:

- (1) The dependent was a resident of California on September 11, 2001.
- (2) The individual killed in the attacks was a resident of California on September 11, 2001.
- (k) A determination of whether a person is a resident of California on September 11, 2001, for purposes of subdivision (j) shall be based on the criteria set forth in Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 68000) of Part 41 for determining nonresident and resident tuition.
- (1) (1) "Dependent," for purposes of subdivision (j), is a person who, because of his or her relationship to an individual killed as a result of injuries sustained during the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, qualifies for compensation under the federal September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001 (Title IV (commencing with Section 401) of Public Law 107-42).
- (2) A dependent who is the surviving spouse of an individual killed in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, is entitled to the waivers provided in this section until January 1, 2013.
- (3) A dependent who is the surviving child, natural or adopted, of an individual killed in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, is entitled to the waivers under subdivision (j) until that person attains the age of 30 years.
- (4) A dependent of an individual killed in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, who is determined to be eligible by the California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board, is also entitled to the waivers provided in this section until January 1, 2013.
- (m) (1) It is the intent of the Legislature that sufficient funds be provided to support the provision of a fee waiver for every student who demonstrates eligibility pursuant to subdivisions (g) to (j), inclusive.
- (2) From funds provided in the annual Budget Act, the board of governors shall allocate to community college districts, pursuant to this subdivision, an amount equal to 2 percent of the fees waived pursuant to subdivisions (g) to (j), inclusive. From funds provided in the annual Budget Act, the board of governors shall allocate to community college districts, pursuant to this subdivision, an amount equal to ninety-one cents (\$0.91) per credit unit waived pursuant to subdivisions (g) to (j), inclusive, for determination of financial need and delivery of student financial aid services, on the basis of the number of students for whom fees are waived. Funds allocated to a community college district for determination of financial need and delivery of student financial aid services shall supplement, and shall not supplant, the level of funds allocated for the administration of student financial aid programs during the 1992 -93 fiscal year.
- (n) The board of governors shall adopt regulations implementing this section.