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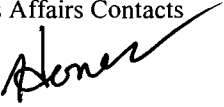
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Subject: Enrollment Priority for Certain Veterans and Servicemembers

As a result of the passage and approval of Senate Bill 272 (Runner), the California Education Code has been amended (Sections 66025.8) to provide "priority enrollment" for certain members and former members of the United States Armed Forces. This statutory provision became effective January, 2008.

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide notice and guidance concerning the implementation of priority enrollment for veterans and servicemembers who meet the criteria as specified in the Education Code.

At the earliest opportunity, and no later than the campus registration periods for the Fall 2008 term(s), campuses of the California State University (CSU) should provide priority in the registration process(es) as follows:

- Priority in registration should be made available to any member or former member of the Armed Forces of the United States who has been admitted to the campus.
- Such priority shall be made available for any academic term beginning within two years of such student's having left active duty as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States.

The relevant legislation (SB 272) does not contain specific requirements with regard to the "order of priority" that should be accorded students who meet the criteria mentioned above. It is requested that campuses provide qualified individuals with the highest possible priority, e.g., higher than other priority groups.

Campuses may provide priority registration opportunities for periods of time longer than that which is required by statute.

Questions concerning enrollment priority for veterans and servicemembers may be addressed to Dr. James Blackburn, Director of Enrollment Management Services at 562- 951 4726 or jblackburn@calstate.edu.

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