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MEMORANDUM

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Subject: Update to the California Nonresident Tuition Exemption and Implementation of Assembly Bill 2000

Assembly Bill 2000 entitled, “Public Postsecondary Education: exemption from nonresident tuition” amended Education Code section 68130.5 and changed the criteria for California high school students eligible for a nonresident tuition exemption, commonly known as AB540. This amendment provides that a student may qualify for an exemption from nonresident tuition by either of the following:

- By attending high school (grades 9-12) in California for three or more years, or
- By attending elementary and/or secondary schools in California for three or more years and attaining academic credits from California high schools equivalent to three or more years of full-time coursework.

These provisions modified the original AB540 provision by permitting other California schools, in addition to California high schools, to be used for the three or more years of California school attendance requirement. The remaining AB540 requirements continue unchanged, which are graduation from a California high school or the equivalent, registration or enrollment at a CSU campus, and, if applicable, completion of the California Nonresident Tuition Exemption Request Form.

For clarification, all California high school (e.g., grades 9-12, continuation and adult) coursework leading to a diploma or its equivalent can be used for the three years or more attendance requirement as long as the coursework is documented on the respective high school or school district transcript. In addition, the three years or more attendance does not need to be concurrently completed.

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The CSU Residence Handbook is currently being examined and revised by the Division of Academic and Student Affairs, and the Office of General Counsel. The revised handbook will reflect the Assembly Bill 2000 provisions and other necessary changes.

Questions about the California nonresident tuition exemption and implementation of Assembly Bill 2000 should be addressed to Mr. Ray Murillo, Director, Student Programs, Academic and Student Affairs, Student Academic Support at (562) 951-4707 or rmurillo@calstate.edu.

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