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MEMORANDUM

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To: CSU Presidents
CSU Provosts and Vice Presidents for Academic Affairs
CSU Vice Presidents for Student Affairs

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Subject: Updates to California Nonresident Tuition Exemption

Existing law provides that a person, other than a nonimmigrant alien, who attended high school in California for 3 or more years, who has graduated from a California high school or attained its equivalent, who has registered at or attends an accredited institution of higher education in California not earlier than the fall semester or quarter of the 2001–02 academic year, and who, if he or she is an alien without lawful immigration status, has filed an affidavit, as specified, is exempt from paying nonresident tuition at the California Community Colleges and the California State University.

In addition, Assembly Bill 2000 approved by the Governor and filed with the Secretary of State on September 27, 2014 amended Section 68130.5 of the Education Code, relating to exemption from nonresident tuition. In addition to the conditions described above, this amendment provides that California high school graduates (or equivalent) may qualify for exemption from nonresident tuition by any of the following:

- 1) By attending high school in California for 3 or more years, OR
- 2) By attending elementary and/or secondary schools in California for 3 or more years, AND by attaining academic credits from California high schools equivalent to 3 or more years of full-time coursework

The provisions of this amendment may be utilized immediately in determining eligibility for the California nonresident tuition exemption.

Campuses must continue to follow all existing laws and policies governing determination of California residency and residency exceptions. A copy of the act modifying California Education Code and a revised nonresident tuition exemption form and affidavit are attached for your reference. Questions concerning the matter addressed above may be referred to Nathan Evans, Director of Enrollment Management at nevans@calstate.edu or (562) 951-4726.

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