Dear CIOs and CSSOs,

Within the regulation changes that focused on repeatability, there was a small change to the field trips section. Here is the language as it was changed...

§ 58166. Field Trips.

(a) State apportionment may be claimed for the attendance of students in courses which include a field trip or excursion pursuant to section 55220.

(b) State apportionment for the attendance of students in courses which include a field trip or excursion shall not be claimed for more than forty-eight hours per unit of credit earned. No more attendance may be claimed for a field trip or excursion than if the class were held on campus.


This change occurred because several CIOs pointed out there was a conflict between title 5 section 55220 and 58166(b). Section 55220 states that “no more contact hours shall be generated by the field trip or excursion than if the class were held on campus.” The previous language in section 58166(b) limits courses that include field trips and excursions to 48 hours, however, many classes are more than 48 hours. By eliminating the 48 hours, the colleges are allowed to claim apportionment for the hours they actually teach, as allowed by section 55220.

I didn’t figure that I needed to develop a whole guidelines document for this small change...so just updating you by this email. If you have any questions, please let me know.

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