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**NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING****AMENDMENT TO CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
REGARDING NONRESIDENT TUITION EXEMPTION**

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Standing Order 200, the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges proposes to adopt the regulations described below after considering all comments, objections, or recommendations regarding the proposed action.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held during the next regularly scheduled Board of Governors meeting on May 6-7, 2013, at 1102 Q Street, Sacramento, California. The Board meeting will commence at the hour of 12:00 p.m. on May 6, or as soon thereafter as the business of the Agency will permit. The room is wheelchair accessible. Other disability-related accommodations such as materials in alternate media, sign language interpreters, or real time transcription will be provided to persons with disabilities upon request. Parking accessible for persons with disabilities is available near the facility. Persons requesting such accommodations should notify Njeri Griffin, 1102 Q Street, Suite 4554, Sacramento, CA 95811-6549, ngriffin@ccco.edu, 916-445-8508, no less than five working days prior to the meeting. The Chancellor's Office will make efforts to meet requests made after such date, if possible.

At the hearing, any person may present statements or arguments, orally or in writing, relevant to the proposed regulatory action described in the Informative Digest. The Board of Governors requests, but does not require, that persons who make oral comments at the hearing also submit a written summary of their comments. No oral comments will be accepted subsequent to this public hearing.

WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD

Any interested person may submit written comments relevant to the proposed regulatory action. To ensure that your comments have the maximum effect in developing the final regulations, we urge you to identify clearly the specific section or sections of the proposed regulations that each of your comments addresses and to arrange your comments in the same order as the proposed regulations. Please send your comments to:

Office of the General Counsel
California Community Colleges
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1102 Q Street, Suite 4554
Sacramento, CA 95811-6549

Attn: Jonathan Lee, Staff Counsel

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at 916-322-9030 or by email at regcomments@cccco.edu. Comments must be received by Jonathan Lee prior to 5:00 p.m. on June 14, 2013.

MODIFICATIONS TO PROPOSED TITLE 5 AMENDMENTS

Following the public hearing and considering all timely and relevant comments received, the Board of Governors may adopt the proposed regulations substantially as described in this Notice or may modify the proposed regulations if the modifications are sufficiently related to the original text. With the exception of technical or grammatical changes, the full text of any modified regulation will be available for 15 days prior to its adoption from Steven Bruckman and will be mailed to those persons who submit written comments relevant to the proposed regulatory action, or who provide oral comments at the public hearing, or who have requested notification of any changes to the proposal.

AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

Authority: Education Code sections 66700, 68130.5, 70901, and 70901.5

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INFORMATIVE DIGEST

On September 24, 2012, the Governor approved Assembly Bill 1899 (AB 1899-Mitchell). This bill added Education Code sections 68122, 69504.5, and 76301. The intent of this legislation is to grant students who possess "T" and "U" visas the same rights and privileges that qualified AB 540 students possess. (These "T" and "U" students must still attend a California high school for at least 3 years and graduate.) "T" and "U" visa holders are individuals who are victims of trafficking, domestic violence, and other serious crimes, and have been granted that status under federal law. Prior to this legislation, "T" and "U" visa holders were ineligible for AB 540 benefits.

In order to fully implement the requirements set forth in AB 1899, title 5 regulations need to be amended accordingly. The proposed action amends title 5, section 54045.5, by adding a

provision that specifically addresses the exemptions granted to eligible “T” and “U” visa students.

ESTIMATED COST OR SAVINGS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

The estimated cost or savings of the proposed amendments are anticipated to be as follows:

Mandate on local agencies or community college districts: None

Cost or savings to state agencies: None

Costs to local agencies or community college districts for which reimbursement would be required pursuant to part 7 (commencing with section 17500) of division 4 title 2 of the Government Code: None

Other non-discretionary cost or savings imposed on community college districts: None

Cost or savings in federal funding to state agencies: None

The effect of the adoption of the proposed regulations will not impose increased costs or new costs to community college districts that are required to be reimbursed under section 17561 of the Government Code. Such determination will be made a formal part of the public hearing at the time and place described above. Furthermore, there are no direct costs or indirect costs or savings to any state agency, no costs or savings in federal funding to the state and no non-discretionary costs or savings to local agencies.

CONTACT PERSON

Inquiries concerning the content of these regulations may be directed to:

Steve Bruckman, Executive Vice Chancellor and General Counsel
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Inquiries concerning the regulatory process may be directed to Jonathan Lee, Staff Counsel, at 916-445-6272, or jlee@cccco.edu.

TEXT OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS AND CORRESPONDING DOCUMENTS

Copies of the exact language of the proposed regulation, and all of the information upon which the proposal is based, may be obtained online at:

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<http://extranet.cccco.edu/SystemOperations/BoardofGovernors/Meetings.aspx>
or <http://extranet.cccco.edu/Divisions/Legal/Regulations.aspx>.

Those who receive the Board of Governors Agenda package for the May 6-7, 2013, meeting can find a further description of the proposal and the full text of the regulations in agenda item number 3.2.

You may also request a copy of the proposal from Jonathan Lee, using the contact information provided above.

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