Title: Proposed Changes to Priority Enrollment Regulations

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Background

In September 2012, the Board of Governors (BOG) adopted regulations establishing system-level registration priorities for students enrolling in community college courses. (California Code Regulations, Title 5, § 58108.) In 2013, the Legislature made statutory changes that require districts implementing an enrollment priority system to give additional categories of student’s first level enrollment priority. (Education Code, §§ 66025.91, 66025.92.)

Additionally, at the January 2014 meeting, the BOG adopted regulations requiring students to meet minimum academic and progress standards and have not exceeded a cap of 100 units to be eligible for a BOG Fee Waiver. Foster youth and former foster youth were exempted from these requirements.

Because of the statutory and regulatory changes made after the BOG adopted the priority enrollment regulations in 2012, we are proposing to amend the priority enrollment regulations. The Enrollment Priorities Work Group, which assisted in the development of the original regulations, convened for one meeting to review and provide its advice on the proposed changes.

Proposal

The proposed changes to the priority enrollment regulations would require districts with enrollment priority systems to grant priority in that system to the additional categories of students required by statute. The additional categories of students are those students participating in Extended Opportunity Programs and Services and Disabled Student Programs and Services, and those students receiving aid from the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids program. Additionally, in conformance with the regulations adopted by the BOG in 2014 regarding eligibility for BOG Fee Waivers, the proposed amendments exempt foster youth and former foster youth from the academic standing requirements and the unit cap to retain eligibility for priority enrollment.

The draft proposed regulations and a section-by-section analysis of the proposed changes are attached for review and discussion.