NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

AMENDMENT TO CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5 REGARDING CREDIT COURSE REPETITION

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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 July 7 - 8, 2014 at 1102 Q Street, Sacramento, California. The Board meeting will commence at the hour of 12:00 p.m. on July 7, 2014, 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 Clarissa Rangel, 1102 Q Street, Suite 4554, Sacramento, CA 95811-6549, crangel@cccco.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 subdivision of the proposed regulation that each of your comments addresses and to arrange your comments in the same order as the proposed regulation. Please send your comments to:
Michelle Goldberg, Interim General Counsel
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California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office
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Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at 916/322-9030 or by email at regcomments@cccco.edu.

Comments must be received by the Michelle Goldberg prior to 5:00 p.m. on August 11, 2014. All written comments received by CCCCO staff during the public comment period are subject to disclosure under the Public Records Act.

CHANGES OR 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 the Regulations Coordinator and will be provided to those persons who provided contact information and submitted written comments relevant to the proposed regulatory action, or who provided 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, 70901
Reference:  Education Code sections 70901, 70902

INFORMATIVE DIGEST

The proposed change to section 55040 would permit districts to adopt credit course repetition policies that allow students to repeat both types of cooperative work experience courses, general and occupational. In addition, changes are proposed to eliminate the requirement that a district only offer one course in an occupational field in order to permit a student to repeat an occupational work experience course. And last, changes are proposed to clarify that if a student is repeating a course pursuant to the legally mandated exception, or as a result of a significant change in industry or licensure standards, there be a nexus between the repetition and the student’s employment or licensure as was intended when the changes to the regulations were adopted in 2011.
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:

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Inquiries concerning the regulatory process may be directed to Michelle Goldberg, at 916/445-4826 or mgoldberg@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:
http://extranet.cccco.edu/SystemOperations/BoardofGovernors/Meetings.aspx
or http://tinyurl.com/7o6hp8n
Those who receive the Board of Governors Agenda package for the July 7 and 8, 2014, meeting can find a further description of the proposal and the full text of the regulations therein.

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

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