



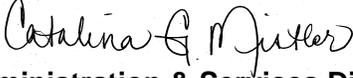
SPECIAL ALERT

Update of the California Student Aid Commission

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SUBJECT: Alternative Cal Grant Delivery System Survey (AB 187)

The purpose of this Special Alert is to provide an update on the status of the pilot program for an alternative Cal Grant delivery system as mandated by Assembly Bill (AB) 187, which was signed into law as an urgency statute on November 5, 2009.

This alternative Cal Grant delivery system will allow participating institutions to voluntarily administer Cal Grant Entitlement awards and California Community College Transfer Cal Grant Entitlement awards for students admitted to their institutions. To implement the pilot program the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) is required to adopt emergency regulations by July 1, 2010.

As required by AB 187, the Commission convened an Advisory Task Force on December 3, 2009, and created a technical subcommittee to formulate the program's technical and data requirements. At its January 20, 2010 meeting, the subcommittee discussed issues relating to the functioning of an alternative delivery system and the processes of the current Cal Grant delivery system that could continue within the pilot program in order to best serve students and minimize costs to institutions.

Commission staff have prepared a survey to determine the technical capabilities of participating Cal Grant institutions and to determine the capabilities of the Financial Aid Management Systems currently used by those institutions. That survey is available at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/AB187Survey>.

The Commission would appreciate your completion of this survey by **March 15, 2010**. This will provide useful data on how best to proceed in designing the pilot program. Please make every effort to coordinate your school's responses with other campus staff to minimize duplication of surveys. If you have any questions or concerns about this notice, please contact Bryan Dickason at (916) 464-8919 or at bryand@csac.ca.gov.

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