



SPECIAL ALERT

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Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: **Sex Equity in Education (SB 493)**

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) outlines new institutional requirements pursuant to [California Education Code Section 66281.8](#), enacted in 2020 (SB 493, Jackson). In order for any California college or university to be eligible to receive student financial aid from the State of California, certain policies and procedures must be established regarding sex equity. Specifically, a postsecondary institution must comply with requirements relating to the protection of students from sexual harassment, and provide students with procedural protections relating to complaints of sexual harassment no later than January 1, 2022.

The Commission requests that institutions provide the enclosed certification affirming compliance with Education Code section 66281.8. no later than **January 1, 2022**.

Certification of Compliance with Education Code Section 66281.8

- The Certification of Compliance with Education Code Section 66281.8 must be signed by the Governing Board/President/Chief Executive Officer/Chancellor and returned to the Commission at csacipa@csac.ca.gov.
- Non-compliance with this requirement may impact the institution's participation in the Cal Grant program.

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Enclosure: Certification of Compliance with Education Code Section 66281.8

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