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Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: **Emergency Regulation for the Golden State Teacher Grant Program**

The California Student Aid Commission (Commission) approved the emergency regulations for the Golden State Teacher Grant Program at the December 2, 2021, Commission meeting. The Notice of Proposed Emergency Action was posted on the CSAC website on **Monday, December 6, 2021**. The 5-day notice period for the regulations will end **Friday, December 10, 2021**.

A copy of the Emergency Regulation Text and Notice are available on the Commission's website at the following link: <https://www.csac.ca.gov/proposed-regulations-rulemaking-documents>

Summary of the Emergency Regulation:

Senate Bill 169 (SB 169) recently expanded the Golden State Teacher Grant Program. SB 169 significantly expanded the eligible teaching areas in which participating students could pursue teaching credentials to include bilingual education, STEM subjects, science, special education, multiple subject instruction, transitional kindergarten, and other subjects as identified by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing. These changes, as well as an expansion of eligible credential programs, require immediate implementation of the Golden State Teacher Grant Program. In addition, the 2021-22 budget appropriated \$500 million in state funds to be available through June 30, 2026.

The Golden State Teacher Grant Program requires the Commission to provide one-time grant funds of up to twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to each eligible student applicant enrolled on or after January 1, 2020, in a professional preparation program leading to a preliminary teaching credential at a qualifying institution. SB 169 expanded the definition of professional preparation program to also include a teacher preparation program approved by the Commission on Teaching Credentialing that has a main campus location or administrative entity that resides in California, including teacher preparation programs operated by local educational agencies in California.

Inquiries concerning the proposed adoption of the emergency regulations may be submitted by fax at (916) 464-6411 or by e-mail to rulemaking@csac.ca.gov.

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