

## Item 8

(Action Item)

Consideration of adoption of modification of regulations to interpret and make specific amended Sections 69999.10 through 69999.24 of the Education Code relating to the California Military Department GI Bill Award Program

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**SUMMARY:**

This item considers the adoption of modifications to the proposed regulatory amendments for the revised and renamed California Military Department GI Bill Award Program.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Commission adopt the proposed modified regulations and authorize staff to complete the regulatory process.

**BACKGROUND:**

Staff prepared these draft regulations in response to direction provided by the Commission at its July 23, 2020, meeting, where the Commission discussed the revised Education Code sections relating to the California Military Department GI Bill Award Program, and the development of regulations to implement and make specific the changes in these sections.

The proposed regulatory amendments detail the procedures the Commission and the California Military Department will use to jointly administer this educational funding program for service members within the Military Department. The proposed regulatory amendments are designed to bring greater efficiency and transparency to program administration, applicant eligibility requirements, and participant responsibilities.

The Commission adopted the proposed regulations at its March 11, 2021, Commission meeting and public hearing, and directed staff to complete the formal rulemaking process in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act. In preparing the final rulemaking documents, staff determined that additional conforming and sufficiently related modifications to the regulations were appropriate and has made the proposed modified regulatory language, along with additional supporting documents and information, available for public comment for a period of at least 15 days as required by Government Code Section 11346.8.

## California Student Aid Commission

The Commission must summarize and respond on the record to timely comments on the modified regulatory language subject to the 15-day notice. For each comment received, the agency must either (1) explain how it has amended the proposal to accommodate the comment, or (2) explain the reasons for making no change to the proposal. The summary and response to comments filed during the 15-day notice period, will be part of the rulemaking file and included in the Final Statement of Reasons submitted to OAL.

Once the complete rulemaking file is submitted to OAL, OAL will have 30 business days to conduct its review. OAL must review the rulemaking record to determine whether it demonstrates the Commission satisfied the procedural requirements of the APA and complied with the appropriate legal standards. Once OAL has completed its review, and assuming the Commission has met its obligations, OAL will file the regulations with the Secretary of State and the regulations will become effective in accordance with the provisions of Government Code Section 11343.4.

Staff requests that the Commission adopt the proposed modified regulatory text and authorize staff to complete the formal rulemaking process to implement the regulations under the Administrative Procedure Act.

### **RESPONSIBLE PERSON(S):**

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### **ATTACHMENT(S):**

Text of Modified, Proposed Regulations

Addendum to the Initial Statement of Reasons

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