

Financial Aid Technology and Processing Improvements

Uncodified. (a) For the 2017-18 fiscal year, the sum of thirteen million five-hundred thousand dollars (\$13,500,000) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges to support technology advancements and innovations in financial aid processing and management systems at the community colleges to streamline financial aid verification, including the Student Success Completion Grant pursuant to Section 88931 of the Education Code, and enable colleges to more efficiently process state and federal financial aid grants. It is intent of the Legislature that system improvements supported by this funding have the effect of reducing the manual processing of financial aid applications, thereby enabling financial aid program staff to provide additional technical assistance and guidance to students seeking financial aid. The chancellor's office shall determine the methodology for allocating these funds to community college districts.

(b) For purposes of making the computations required by Section 8 of Article XVI of the California Constitution, the appropriation made by subdivision (a) shall be deemed to be "General Fund revenues appropriated for community college districts," as defined in subdivision (d) of Section 41202 of the Education Code, for the 2017–18 fiscal year, and included within the "total allocations to school districts and community college districts from General Fund proceeds of taxes appropriated pursuant to Article XIII B," as defined in subdivision (e) of Section 41202 of the Education Code, for the 2017–18 fiscal year.