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Subject: Implementation of SB 272: Priority Registration for
Members of the Military and Recent Veterans

The newly chaptered Senate Bill 272 (Runner) requires each* community college district that administers a priority enrollment system to grant priority registration to any member or former member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is within two years of leaving active duty. This legislation goes into effect on January 1, 2008.

Groups newly entitled to priority registration are as follows:

- Current members of the armed forces.
- Former members of the armed forces for any enrollment period that begins within two years of their date of separation from active duty.

Former students called to active duty during a period of enrollment are explicitly included.

Current law and regulations grant priority registration to EOPS students and to students with disabilities. This legislation effectively adds members of the Armed Forces and former members who are within two years of separation from active duty to that small list of populations entitled to priority registration. There is nothing that defines relative priority among those three groups. It is therefore our interpretation and advice that all three groups should have equal and first opportunity to enroll in courses for any given term that begins after January 1, 2008.

This bill was approved unanimously by the California Legislature and can be found in Section 66025.8 of the Education Code relating to postsecondary education. The entire bill may be viewed at the following link:

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/07-08/bill/sen/sb_0251-0300/sb_272_bill_20071009_chaptered.html.

I hope this information is helpful. If you have any further questions, please contact Joanne Vorhies at (916) 323-2768 or Chuen Chan at (916) 322-7988.

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