



**TO** Chief Instructional Officers  
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**RE** SB 1141 – Updates to Nonresident Tuition Exemption Eligibility (AB 540)

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**Overview**

This memo provides important updates and guidance for changes to California Education Code 68130.5 – Nonresident Tuition Exemption.

**SB Limon Exemption from Payment of Nonresident Tuition**

Effective January 1, 2023, SB 1141 (Limón) removed the requirement from California Education Code 68130.5 that attendance in credit courses at a California community college counted toward meeting the 3-year requirement not exceed 2 years of full-time attendance. While current law still requires that students meet the 3-year requirement to be eligible for nonresident tuition exemption, colleges cannot limit or cap a student’s full-time attendance at two years. **This means that there is no longer a limit on the number of years of community college full time attendance that can be used to determine eligibility for an exemption from paying nonresident tuition**

Because SB 1141 had an effective implementation date of January 1, 2023, any student who completed three years of full

