

AB 587: CSAC Veteran Rep.

Assemblymember Laurie Davies

IN BRIEF

AB 587 will add a representative of the veteran or active duty military community to the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC), appointed by the Governor, upon vacancy of the next General Public Representative.

THE ISSUE

The veteran and active duty service member community plays an important role within California's higher education systems. Our military community can offer a unique perspective into challenges faced while navigating the financial aid system.

The California Community Colleges (CCC) estimates there are [around 55,000](#) veterans, active duty service members, and dependents enrolled at a CCC each year.

The California State University system (CSUs) [estimates 7,000](#) veterans and service members are enrolled.

The University of California system (UCs) estimate there are [more than 2,000](#) veterans and military affiliated students enrolled with them.

CURRENT LAW

[Education Code §69510](#) governs the composition of CSAC membership.

There are currently 15 members on the commission including one representative from the CCCs, CSUs, UCs, two student representatives from a California postsecondary educational institution, three members of the public, two representatives appointed by the Senate Rules Committee, and two by the Speaker of the Assembly. There is also one representative from public, proprietary, or nonprofit postsecondary schools located in California, and one representative from a California Independent college/university.

THE SOLUTION

AB 587 will amend Education Code section 69510 to include a representative of the veteran and active duty service member community on the California Student Aid Commission as appointed by the Governor upon vacancy of a General Public Representative.

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