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SUBJECT: 2022-23 Golden State Teacher Grant Program Legislation Changes

This Special Alert provides updates to the Golden State Teacher Grant (GSTG) Program administered by the California Student Aid Commission (Commission).

Legislation Changes

On June 30, 2022, Governor Newsom signed [Assembly Bill No. 181](#) approving new changes to the GSTG Program.

The legislative changes are as follows:

- Availability of the GSTG Application beginning September 1 for the following academic year (effective for the 2023-24 academic year).
- Expansion of application consideration to students who have enrolled in or applied for enrollment in an eligible professional preparation program.
- Elimination of the requirement for a preliminary teaching credential to be issued in a high-need field.
- Eligibility expansion to include those enrolled in a professional preparation program leading to a pupil personnel services credential.
- Requirement to complete professional preparation program and obtain credential within three years after the first distribution of grant funds.
- GSTG funds may be disbursed in more than one academic year, provided the total amount of funds granted to the applicant does not exceed \$20,000.
- Availability of the upcoming academic year's GSTG Priority School List by April 15 annually.
- Extension of the obligation timeframe to complete four years' service at a priority school from five years to eight years.
- Development of a pre-enrollment conditional award notice process.
- Development of a process and timeline that allows institutions to provide applicants with grant eligibility determinations before the deadline for enrolling in their professional preparation program.

System Enhancements

The legislation changes will require updates to the GSTG application, WebGrants, websites, and GSTG Coordinator's Guide.

GSTG Application

We will continue to accept applications for the 2022-23 academic year during the system enhancements. The 2022-23 application will be modified to accommodate those pursuing their pupil personnel services credential or preliminary teaching credential in a non-high-need field by the end of July 2022.

We will send additional communications as enhancements are completed.

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