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LEGAL UPDATE

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To: Superintendents/Presidents/Chancellors, Member Community
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Subject: Senate Bill 179: Gender Recognition Act
Memo No. 17-2018(CC)

Recently, our office has gotten a number of questions regarding obligations under California's Gender Recognition Act, signed into law by Governor Jerry Brown on October 15, 2017.

Effective September 1, 2018, a "nonbinary" gender option was added to state driver's licenses, identification cards, and birth certificates. In response to this change, school districts and community colleges should have updated forms for the 2018-2019 school year to allow for the indication of a nonbinary gender.

Effective January 1, 2019, applicants must choose a gender category to apply for or renew a driver's license or to enroll in the California Organ and Tissue Donor Registry.

Please contact our office with questions regarding this Legal Update or any other legal matter.

The information in this Legal Update is provided as a summary of law and is not intended as legal advice. Application of the law may vary depending on the particular facts and circumstances at issue. We, therefore, recommend that you consult legal counsel to advise you on how the law applies to your specific situation.

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