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Amendment to Parameters and Guidelines

Education Code Section 67381

Statutes of 1998, Chapter 284

Law Enforcement College Jurisdiction Agreements 05-PGA-70 (98-TC-20)

This amendment is effective beginning with the claims filed for the July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006 period of reimbursement

I. SUMMARY OF THE MANDATE

Education Code section 67381 requires law enforcement agencies of all public colleges and universities and some independent postsecondary institutions to enter into written agreements with local law enforcement agencies delineating their respective geographical boundaries for investigating certain violent crimes on campuses. The section further requires the agreements to be posted for public viewing and a copy to be transmitted to the Legislative Analyst.

On April 26, 2001, the Commission on State Mandates (Commission) adopted the Statement of Decision for *Law Enforcement College Jurisdiction Agreements* (98-TC-20, formerly *Campus Safety Plans*.) The Commission found that Education Code section 67381 constitutes a new program or higher level of service and imposes costs mandated by the state within the meaning of article XIII B, section 6 of the California Constitution and Government Code section 17514. Accordingly, the Commission approved this test claim for the following reimbursable activities:

1. Preparing the written agreements, or
2. Reviewing and modifying existing agreements to conform with section 67381, and
3. Placing these written agreements in a place of public viewing and transmitting them to the Legislative Analyst.

The Commission further found that that the activity of community colleges being responsible for their own costs of investigating crimes and incidents on campuses does not constitute a reimbursable state mandate.

II. ELIGIBLE CLAIMANTS

Any community college, or joint powers authority between community colleges, which incurs increased costs as a result of this mandate is eligible to claim reimbursement.

III. PERIOD OF REIMBURSEMENT

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The test claim for this mandate was submitted on June 25, 1999. Therefore, pursuant to Government Code section 17557, all mandated costs incurred on or after January 1, 1999, which is the effective date of Statutes of 1998, chapter 284, are reimbursable.

Actual costs for one fiscal year should be included in each claim. Estimated costs for the subsequent year may be included on the same claim, if applicable. Pursuant to Government Code section 17551, subdivision (d)(1), all claims for reimbursement of initial years' costs shall be submitted within 120 days of release of claiming instructions by the State Controller.

If the total costs for a given fiscal year do not exceed \$200, no reimbursement shall be allowed, except as otherwise provided for by Government Code section 17564.

IV. REIMBURSABLE ACTIVITIES

To be eligible for mandated cost reimbursement for any fiscal year, only actual costs may be claimed. Actual costs are those costs actually incurred to implement the mandated activities. Actual costs must be traceable and supported by source documents that show the validity of such costs, when they were incurred, and their relationship to the reimbursable activities. A source document is a document created at or near the same time the actual cost was incurred for the event or activity in question. Source documents may include, but are not limited to, employee time records or time logs, sign-in sheets, invoices, and receipts.

Evidence corroborating the source documents may include, but is not limited to, worksheets, cost allocation reports (system generated), purchase orders, contracts, agendas, training packets, and declarations. Declarations must include a certification or declaration stating, "I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct based upon personal knowledge." Evidence corroborating the source documents may include data relevant to the reimbursable activities otherwise in compliance with local, state, and federal government requirements. However, corroborating documents cannot be substituted for source documents.

The claimant is only allowed to claim and be reimbursed for increased costs for reimbursable activities identified below. Increased cost is limited to the cost of an activity that the claimant is required to incur as a result of the mandate.

For each eligible claimant, the following activities are eligible for reimbursement:

A. Written Agreements

For campus law enforcement agencies to enter into written agreements with local law enforcement agencies, to designate which law enforcement agency shall have operational responsibility for the investigation of each Part I violent crime¹ occurring on each campus and delineate the specific geographical boundaries of each agency's operational responsibility, including maps as necessary.

If a campus law enforcement agency already has a written agreement, to review and modify the existing agreement to conform to Education Code section 67381.

B. Public Viewing

For the community college to make the written agreements available for public viewing.

¹ Per Education Code section 67381, subdivision (i), "Part 1 violent crimes" means willful homicide, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault, as defined in the Uniform Crime Reporting Handbook of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

C. State Reporting

For the community college to transmit a copy of each written agreement it has entered into, and any other information it deems pertinent to the implementation of the agreement, to the Legislative Analyst.

The activity of community colleges being responsible for their own costs of investigating crimes and incidents on campuses is not reimbursable.

D. Training

To train staff on implementing the reimbursable activities listed in section IV, activities A through C, of these parameters and guidelines. (One-time activity for each employee.)

V. CLAIM PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION

Each claim for reimbursement pursuant to this mandate must be timely filed and identify each of the following cost elements to each reimbursable activity identified in Section IV of this document.

A. Direct Cost Reporting

Direct costs are those costs incurred specifically for the reimbursable activities. Direct costs that are eligible for reimbursement are:

1. Salaries and Benefits

Report each employee implementing the reimbursable activities by name, job classification, and productive hourly rate (total wages and related benefits divided by productive hours). Describe the specific reimbursable activities performed and the hours devoted to each reimbursable activity performed.

2. Materials and Supplies

Report the cost of materials and supplies that have been consumed or expended for the purpose of the reimbursable activities. Purchases shall be claimed at the actual price after deducting discounts, rebates, and allowances received by the claimant. Supplies that are withdrawn from inventory shall be charged on an appropriate and recognized method of costing, consistently applied.

3. Contracted Services

Report the name of the contractor and services performed to implement the reimbursable activities. Attach a copy of the contract to the claim. If the contractor bills for time and materials, report the number of hours spent on the activities and all costs charged. If the contract is a fixed price, report the dates when services were performed and itemize all costs for those services.

4. Fixed Assets and Equipment

Report the purchase price paid for fixed assets and equipment (including computers) necessary to implement the reimbursable activities. The purchase price includes taxes, delivery costs, and installation costs. If the fixed asset or equipment is also used for purposes other than the reimbursable activities, only the pro-rata portion of the purchase price used to implement the reimbursable activities can be claimed.

5. Travel

Report the name of the employee traveling for the purpose of the reimbursable activities. Include the date of travel, destination point, the specific reimbursable activity requiring travel, and related travel expenses reimbursed to the employee in compliance with the rules of the local jurisdiction. Report employee travel time according to the rules of cost element A.1, Salaries and Benefits, for each applicable reimbursable activity.

6. Training

Report the cost of training an employee to perform the reimbursable activities, as specified in Section IV of this document. Report the name and job classification of each employee preparing for, attending, and/or conducting training necessary to implement the reimbursable activities. Provide the title, subject, and purpose (related to the mandate of the training session), dates attended, and location. If the training encompasses subjects broader than the reimbursable activities, only the pro-rata portion can be claimed. Report employee training time for each reimbursable activity according to the rules of cost element A.1, Salaries and Benefits, and A.2, Materials and Supplies. Report the cost of consultants who conduct the training according to the rules of cost element A.3, Contracted Services.

B. Indirect Cost Rates

Indirect costs are costs that have been incurred for common or joint purposes. These costs benefit more than one cost objective and cannot be readily identified with a particular final cost objective without effort disproportionate to the results achieved. After direct costs have been determined and assigned to other activities, as appropriate, indirect costs are those remaining to be allocated to benefited cost objectives. A cost may not be allocated as an indirect cost if any other cost incurred for the same purpose, in like circumstances, has been claimed as a direct cost.

Indirect costs include: (a) the indirect costs originating in each department or agency of the governmental unit carrying out state mandated programs, and (b) the costs of central governmental services distributed through the central service cost allocation plan and not otherwise treated as direct costs.

Community colleges have the option of using: (1) a federally approved rate, utilizing the cost accounting principles from the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-21, "Cost Principles of Educational Institutions"; (2) the rate calculated on State Controller's Form FAM-29C; or (3) a 7% indirect cost rate.

VI. RECORD RETENTION

Pursuant to Government Code section 17558.5, subdivision (a), a reimbursement claim for actual costs filed by a local agency or school district pursuant to this chapter² is subject to the initiation of an audit by the Controller no later than three years after the date that the actual reimbursement claim is filed or last amended, whichever is later. However, if no funds are appropriated or no payment is made to a claimant for the program for the fiscal year for which the claim is filed, the time for the Controller to initiate an audit shall commence to run from the date of initial payment of the claim. In any case, an audit shall be completed not later than two years after the date that the audit is commenced. All documents used to support the reimbursable activities, as described

² This refers to Title 2, division 4, part 7, chapter 4 of the Government Code.

in Section IV, must be retained during the period subject to audit. If the Controller has initiated an audit during the period subject to audit, the retention period is extended until the ultimate resolution of any audit findings.

VII. OFFSETTING SAVINGS AND REIMBURSEMENTS

Any offsetting savings the claimant experiences in the same program as a result of the same statutes or executive orders found to contain the mandate shall be deducted from the costs claimed. In addition, reimbursement for this mandate received from any source, including but not limited to, service fees collected, federal funds and other state funds shall be identified and deducted from this claim.

VIII. STATE CONTROLLER'S OFFICE REQUIRED CERTIFICATION

An authorized representative of the claimant shall be required to provide a certification of the claim, as specified in the State Controller's claiming instructions, for those costs mandated by the state contained herein.

IX. PARAMETERS AND GUIDELINES AMENDMENTS

Parameters and guidelines may be amended pursuant to Title 2, California Code of Regulations, section 1183.2.