



The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges

PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

DATE: September 18-19, 2017

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| SUBJECT: Board Resolution Urging Congress to Act to Provide Immediate and Permanent Protections for DACA Students | | Item Number: 2.2 | |
| | | Attachment: Yes | |
| CATEGORY: | Executive | TYPE OF BOARD CONSIDERATION: | |
| Recommended By: |  Erik Skinner, Deputy Chancellor | Consent/Routine | |
| | | First Reading | |
| Approved for Consideration: |  Eloy Ortiz Oakley, Chancellor | Action | X |
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ISSUE: This item presents for consideration a resolution supporting the DACA students within the California Community College system and urging Congress to act to provide immediate and permanent legal protections for DACA students.

BACKGROUND: The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program was established in June of 2012 by the Obama Administration to provide administrative relief from deportation to specific individuals who applied for and received DACA status from the federal government. The purpose of DACA was to provide eligible immigrant youth who came to the United States as children: (1) protection from deportation; and (2) a work permit. Eligible applicants were able to obtain DACA status for two years, subject to renewal. DACA was established by the Department of Homeland Security at the President’s direction as an exercise of prosecutorial discretion.

On September 5, 2017, U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced that the federal government intends to “wind-down” the DACA Program. The Department of Homeland Security subsequently issued a memorandum on the rescission of DACA detailing the timeline and impact of the decision on existing DACA recipients. DACA was not immediately terminated – a six month window was created by the Trump Administration, ostensibly for Congress legislate a permanent fix for DACA recipients before DACA benefits begin to expire in March of 2018.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: It is recommended that the Board of Governors adopt Resolution No. 2017-04 urging Congress to act to provide immediate and permanent legal protections for DACA students.

ANALYSIS: Unless Congress takes action to adopt legislation protecting DACA recipients, DACA benefits held by many individuals in California, including tens of thousands of students in the community college system, will begin to expire in March of 2018.

Participants in the DACA Program were brought to this country as children by their parents and have made significant contributions to our economy, to our communities and to our Armed Forces. The attached resolution, if adopted, would urge Congress to take action to provide immediate and permanent legal protection for our DACA students.