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TO: Directors of Financial Aid
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FROM: Ginger Gossman
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DATE: July 26, 2017

RE: THECB Efforts to Assist with SB 0887 (Student Debt Letter) Implementation

Greetings from Austin. I hope this note finds you well and enjoying the summer.

My colleagues and I wanted to share that we are taking steps to assist with implementation of [SB 0887](#), "relating to a requirement that certain participating institutions under the student loan program administered by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board provide loan debt information to certain students." This bill was signed by the governor on May 27, 2017 and was effective immediately. However, the statute does not apply until fall 2018, as noted in Section 2 of the bill, "Section 52.335, Education Code, as added by this Act, applies beginning with the 2018-2019 academic year."

We have prepared and attached a summary of the bill for your convenience. The last section of this summary includes action items for the Coordinating Board:

- Contact information systems vendors to advise them of SB 0887 – in case you need their support for implementation, July 26, 2017
- Present an overview of SB 0887 at TASFAA in October 13, 2017
- Host a webinar(s) to provide guidance to IHEs on how to implement SB 0887, beginning this fall
- Draft rules for implementation by January 1, 2018
- Draft an optional template for letter by January 1, 2018

We are currently working with the Financial Aid Advisory Committee (FAAC) to identify efficient and effective implementation efforts and recommendations. At this point, we do not have any immediate action items for you. If you anticipate needing support or assistance from your information systems vendor, we recommend you contact them. We anticipate engaging you in the next few months to update you and receive feedback on our efforts.

Please contact me if you have any questions about our role in implementation of this bill. Thank you for your continued dedication to Texas students!

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