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SUBJECT: Advisory 18-01: "Sanctuary" Jurisdiction Legislation

Senate Bill 54 (2017) and Assembly Bill 21 (2017)

This advisory provides information regarding recent California "sanctuary" jurisdiction legislation that prohibits state and local agencies from using resources to further certain federal immigration enforcement efforts. This legislation is contained in Senate Bill 54 (2017)<sup>1</sup> and Assembly Bill 21 (2017).<sup>2</sup> These new laws went into effect on January 1, 2018.

The Trump Administration contends that sanctuary jurisdiction laws conflict with 8 U.S.C. § 1373, which prohibits local jurisdictions from restricting their employees' communications with immigration and customs enforcement personnel regarding a person's immigration status. On January 25, 2017, President Trump issued Executive Order 13768 which, among other things, grants discretion to the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Attorney General to bar sanctuary jurisdictions from receiving federal funding. (See Executive Order: Enhancing Public Safety in the Interior of the United States Administration, Jan. 25, 2017, § 9.)<sup>3</sup> However, a federal court has permanently enjoined enforcement of Executive Order 13768, a ruling that is being appealed. (*County of Santa Clara v. Trump*, 250 F.Supp.3d 497 (N.D. Cal, 2017).) Notwithstanding the injunction, on November 15, 2017, Attorney General Sessions sent letters to 29 "sanctuary cities" threatening to claw back FY 2016 federal funds from the Byrne/JAG account that principally supports local enforcement agencies.<sup>4</sup> Of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\_id=201720180SB54 (accessed Dec. 28, 2017).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill id=201720180AB21 (accessed Dec. 28, 2017).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> <u>Available at https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/executive-order-enhancing-public-safety-interior-united-states/</u> (accessed Dec. 28, 2017).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> A Department of Justice press release describing the letters can be found at the following URL: <a href="https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-sends-letters-29-jurisdictions-regarding-their-compliance-8-usc-1373">https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-sends-letters-29-jurisdictions-regarding-their-compliance-8-usc-1373</a> (accessed Dec. 28, 2017). California jurisdictions that received these letters included Berkeley, Contra Costa County,

potential significance to educational institutions is that the federal government argued in the *Santa Clara* litigation that section 9(a) of Executive Order 13768 does not extend to all federal funding (as its broad language indicates), but implicates only three sources of federal funding in the Departments of Homeland Security and the Department of Justice. (*County of Santa Clara*, *supra*, 250 F.Supp.3d at p. 508.) California community colleges may wish to determine whether their police departments receive funding from these sources.

#### A. Senate Bill 54 and Community College Police

The Education Code authorizes the governing board of a community college district to establish a community college police department under the supervision of a community college chief of police. (Ed. Code, § 72330, subd (a).) Community college police are sworn peace officers. (Ed. Code, § 72330, subd (c); Penal Code, § 830 et seq.)

Senate Bill 54 reflects the view that California's public policy interests are best served "by a relationship of trust between California's immigrant community and state and local agencies" (Govt. Code, § 7284.2), and that this interest would be undermined, resources would be misallocated, and constitutional concerns would arise, if state and local law enforcement agencies cooperate with federal immigration enforcement officials.

Accordingly, Senate Bill 54 eliminates state and local law enforcement discretion to use money and personnel to investigate, interrogate, detain, detect, or arrest persons, or to conduct other activities for immigration enforcement purposes. (Govt. Code, § 7284.6.) Exceptions exist related to individuals who have committed serious crimes. (Govt. Code, § 7282.5, subd (a).) The legislation applies expressly to community college police. (Govt. Code, § 7284.4, subds (a) and (k).)

The California Attorney General's Office is required to publish model policies to explain these requirements by October 1, 2018. (Govt. Code, § 7284.8.) The purpose of these policies is to explain how to limit assistance with federal immigration enforcement "to the fullest extent possible." They will be designed for adoption by all public schools, health facilities operated by the state or a political subdivision of the state, and courthouses. (Ibid.) The legislation also states that police agencies must comply with any more stringent policies adopted by local jurisdictions. (See Govt. Code, § 7284.6, subds. (a)(1)(C), (b).)

#### 1. Cooperation with immigration enforcement that is prohibited

Senate Bill 54 identifies six categories of cooperation with federal immigration enforcement efforts that are expressly prohibited, effective January 1, 2018. These provisions' effects upon community college police are described below.

❖ Use of state and local funds. The use personnel or funds to investigate, interrogate, detain, detect, or arrest persons is prohibited. This prohibition could be violated by engaging in any of the following conduct: inquiring into an individual's immigration status, detaining an individual on the basis of an Immigration and Customs Enforcement hold request; providing information regarding a person's release date from custody, or providing other related non-public information; providing personal information about an individual, including non-public contact information; making or intentionally participating in arrests based on civil immigration warrants; assisting immigration authorities in the activities not authorized by a judicial warrant (see 8 U.S.C. § 1357(a)(3)); or performing the functions of an immigration officer. (Govt Code, § 7284.6, subd. (a)(1).)

Fremont, Los Angeles, Monterey County, Riverside County, Sacramento County, San Francisco, Santa Ana, Santa Clara County, Sonoma County, and Watsonville.

- ❖ Federal supervision. Community college police may not be under the supervision of federal agencies or be deputized as special federal officers or special federal deputies for purposes of immigration enforcement. California peace officers remain subject to California law governing the conduct of peace officers and the policies of the employing agency. (Govt Code, § 7284.6, subd. (a)(2).)
- Immigration authorities as interpreters. Community college police shall not use immigration authorities as interpreters for law enforcement matters relating to individuals in agency or department custody. (Govt Code, § 7284.6, subd. (a)(3).)
- ❖ Transfers to immigration authorities. Community college police shall not transfer an individual to immigration authorities unless authorized by a judicial warrant or judicial probable cause determination, or if the person has convicted a serious crime listed in Government Code section 7282.5. (Govt Code, § 7284.6, subd. (a)(4).)
- Provision of office space. Law enforcement agencies shall not provide office space exclusively dedicated for immigration authorities within a city or county facility. (Govt Code, § 7284.6, subd. (a)(5).)
- ❖ Facilities contracts. Community college police shall not contract with the federal government to allow local facilities to house individuals as federal detainees, except to conclude an existing contract, or to house unaccompanied minors. , as authorized by the Government Code. (Govt Code, § 7284.6, subd. (a)(6) citing Govt. Code §§ 7310, 7311].)

#### 2. Cooperation with immigration enforcement that Is permitted under Senate Bill 54

Senate Bill 54 also identifies categories of state and local police cooperation with federal immigration enforcement that remain permitted after January 1, 2018, provided they are also authorized by local policy.

- Re-entry following deportation. If in the course of an unrelated law enforcement activity a community college police agency detects a violation of the federal prohibition against re-entry following deportation (8 U.S.C. § 1326),that agency may investigate, enforce, detain, or arrest, under applicable standards. (Govt Code, § 7284.6, subd. (b)(1).)
- ❖ Specific criminal history inquiries. Community college police may respond to a request from immigration authorities for information about a specific person's criminal history, including previous criminal arrests, convictions, or similar criminal history information accessed through the California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS), where otherwise permitted by state law. (Govt Code, § 7284.6, subd. (b)(2).)
- ❖ Task force participation. Community college police may conduct enforcement or investigative duties associated with a joint law enforcement task force, including the sharing of confidential information with other law enforcement agencies for purposes of task force investigations, subject to a number of specified conditions, including that the task force's primary purpose is not immigration enforcement. (Govt Code, § 7284.6, subd. (b)(3).)
- Crime victim information. Community college police may inquire into information necessary to certify that an individual who has been identified as a potential crime or trafficking victim is eligible for a specified visa program. (Govt Code, § 7284.6, subd. (b)(4).)

Custodial interviews. Immigration authorities may be provided access to custodial interviews of an individual in agency or department custody, provided the access is in compliance with the TRUTH Act. (Govt Code, § 7284.6, subd. (b)(5) [citing Govt. Code, § 7283].)

#### B. Assembly Bill 21

Assembly Bill 21 places a number of affirmative obligations on community college districts to prevent student, staff, and faculty from participation in federal immigration enforcement efforts "to the fullest extent consistent with state and federal law." The bill is intended to protect the state's students, faculty, staff, and the public, by ensuring that everyone in California has an opportunity to pursue an education free from intimidation, and without fear or undue risk. (Ed. Code, § 66093, subd. (a).) Effective January 1, 2018, Assembly Bill 21 imposes the following obligations:

- ❖ Protection of Personal Information. College districts must refrain from disclosing personal information about students, faculty, and staff. There are five exceptions to this rule: (1) there is proper consent; (2) state and federal privacy laws permit the disclosure; (3) to implement the program for which the information was obtained; (4) as part of a directory that does not include residence addresses or individual persons' course schedules and that the person has not elected to opt out of; or (5) in response to a judicial warrant, court order, or subpoena. (Ed. Code, § 66093.3, subd. (a).)
- Notice of Immigration Enforcement Activity. College districts must advise all students, faculty, and staff to notify the office of the college district chancellor or president immediately if an immigration officer is expected to enter, will enter, or has entered the campus to execute a federal immigration order. (Ed. Code, § 66093.3, subd. (b).)
- Notification of Emergency Contact. If there is reason to suspect that a student, faculty, or staff person has been taken into custody in an immigration enforcement action, the college district shall immediately notify the person's emergency contact. (Ed. Code, § 66093.3, subd. (c).)
- Compliance with Judicial Warrants and Subpoenas. An immigration officer may only be allowed access to nonpublic areas of the campus upon presentation of a judicial warrant. This subdivision shall not apply to nonenforcement activities, including an immigration officer's request for access or information related to the operation of international student, staff, or faculty programs, or employment verification efforts. (Ed. Code, § 66093.3, subd. (d).)
- Response to On-Campus Immigration Enforcement. The college district shall advise all students, faculty, and staff having contact with an immigration officer executing a federal immigration order to refer the entity or individual to the office of the district chancellor or president, to verify the legality of the warrant, court order, or subpoena.<sup>5</sup> (Ed. Code, § 66093.3, subd. (e).)
- Single Point of Contact. College districts shall designate a staff person to serve as a point of contact for any student, faculty, or staff person who could be subject to an immigration order or inquiry on campus. Unless the disclosure is permitted by state and federal education privacy law, faculty and staff persons shall be prohibited from discussing the personal information, including immigration status information,

<sup>5</sup> Exemplars of administrative warrants and subpoenas and judicial warrants and subpoenas are attached to illustrate what administrative and judicial warrants and subpoenas look like. Colleges and districts should seek legal advice regarding how to respond upon receipt of such documents.

of any student, faculty, or staff person with anyone, or revealing that personal information to anyone. (Ed. Code, § 66093.3, subd. (f).)

- Legal Services. College districts shall maintain and provide free of charge to students a contact list of immigration legal services providers upon request. (Ed. Code, § 66093.3, subd. (g).)
- ❖ Attorney General's Office Model Policy. College districts shall adopt and implement, by March 1, 2019, the model policy developed by the Attorney General's Office (or an equivalent policy) that limits assistance with immigration enforcement to the fullest extent possible consistent with federal and state law. (Ed. Code, § 66093.3, subd. (h).)
- ❖ Internet Resources. College districts must also post and maintain current information prominently displayed on their Internet sites including, the Attorney General's Office model policy, relevant guidance regarding their rights under state and federal immigration laws. (Ed. Code, § 66093.3, subd. (i).)
- ❖ Hold Undocumented Students Harmless. In the event that an undocumented student is detained, deported, or is unable to attend to his or her academic requirements due to an immigration enforcement action, the college district shall make all reasonable efforts to assist the student in retaining any eligibility for financial aid, fellowship stipends, exemption from nonresident tuition fees, funding for research or other educational projects, housing stipends or services, or other benefits he or she has been awarded or received, and permit the student to be reenrolled if and when the student is able to return to the college. Staff should be available to assist undocumented students, and other students, faculty, and staff whose education or employment is at risk because of federal immigration actions. (Ed. Code, § 66093.3, subd. (j).)

#### C. Attached Documents

1. Exemplars of Administrative and Judicial Subpoenas and Warrants

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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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