

BOARD OF REGENTS
BRIEFING PAPER

1. AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Handbook Revision and Report: Silver State Opportunity Grant Program

MEETING DATE: March 2-3, 2017 Board of Regents Meeting

2. BACKGROUND & POLICY CONTEXT OF ISSUE:

Existing Board policy directs the Chancellor to establish procedures and guidelines to comply with the requirements of the Silver State Opportunity Grant Program, which was created by the 2015 Legislature under Senate Bill 227 (Chapter 387, *Statutes of Nevada 2015*) for the purpose of awarding need-based grants to eligible low-income students who are college-ready in order to pay for a portion of the cost of education at a community college or state college within NSHE (*Title 4, Chapter 18, Section 10* of the *Handbook*).

When this Board policy was adopted following the 2015 Legislative Session, the provisions of SB 227 had not yet been codified. System staff recommends a technical amendment to replace the reference to SB 227 with regard to the procedures and guidelines that must be established with the statutory reference for the codified provisions of SB 227 (*Nevada Revised Statutes 396.950-396.960*), as these provisions may be amended in future Legislative Sessions.

3. SPECIFIC ACTIONS BEING RECOMMENDED OR REQUESTED:

Amend *Title 4, Chapter 18, Section 10* of the *Handbook* to replace "Senate Bill 227" with regard to the procedures and guidelines that must be established by the Chancellor with "*Nevada Revised Statutes 396.950-396.960*."

4. IMPETUS (WHY NOW?):

The provisions of SB 227 have been codified and may be amended by future Legislative Sessions.

5. BULLET POINTS TO SUPPORT REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

- It is more efficient for Board policy to reference the codified provisions of SB 227 (*Nevada Revised Statutes 396.950-396.960*) so that the policy does not have to be updated to include future legislative measures each time the Legislature amends these sections.

6. POTENTIAL ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

None have been presented.

7. ALTERNATIVE(S) TO WHAT IS BEING REQUESTED/RECOMMENDED:

None have been presented.

8. COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD POLICY:

- Consistent With Current Board Policy: Title # _____ Chapter # _____ Section # _____
- X Amends Current Board Policy: Title # 4 Chapter # 18 Section # 10
- Amends Current Procedures & Guidelines Manual: Chapter # _____ Section # _____
- Other: _____
- Fiscal Impact: Yes _____ No _____
Explain: _____

POLICY PROPOSAL
TITLE 4, CHAPTER 18, SECTION 10
Silver State Opportunity Grant

Additions appear in *boldface italics*; deletions are [~~stricken~~ and bracketed]

Section 10. Silver State Opportunity Grant Program

The 2015 Nevada Legislature created the Silver State Opportunity Grant Program under Senate Bill 227 (Chapter 387, *Statutes of Nevada 2015*) for the purpose of awarding need-based grants to eligible low-income students who are college-ready in order to pay for a portion of the cost of education at a community college or state college within the Nevada System of Higher Education. The Chancellor is directed to establish procedures and guidelines to comply with the requirements of the Silver State Opportunity Grant Program pursuant to *Nevada Revised Statutes 396.950 – 396.960* [~~Senate Bill 227~~]. The Chancellor will report to the Board such steps that have been taken to implement the program.