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MEMORANDUM:

TO: Basic Skills Directors

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SUBJECT: Dropout Prevention/Drivers License Legislation

Several colleges have asked for clarification on three issues regarding the Dropout Prevention/Drivers License Legislation. The following are the questions being asked and the answers:

Question: Are emancipated minors (those who have been issued a decree of emancipation by court or through a marriage certificate) exempt from the Dropout Prevention/Drivers License legislation?

Answer: Emancipated minors are not exempt from this legislation. All approved policies and procedures of this program are applicable to emancipated minors.

Question: Do colleges have to accept minors who have been suspended by public schools?

Answer: This is a local decision. Colleges may choose to accept minors who have been suspended by public schools or they may choose to uphold the public school's suspension and not accept the students.

Question: How can a minor who has passed the GED or completed the Adult High School program get a driver's permit or license if the college does not release the actual diploma until the minor turns 18?

Answer: An official GED transcript with a raised seal or a Driver's Eligibility Certificate may be used if the minor successfully completes the GED. Students completing the Adult High School diploma may be issued a Driver's Eligibility Certificate.

cc: Presidents
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