

## OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

# UNIFORM SUPERVISION OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE VISITOR PLACEMENT ORGANIZATIONS ACT

### SUMMARY OF GOVERNMENT CODE §§12620 ET SEQ.

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of California's International Student Exchange Program Act is to

- protect the health, safety and welfare of international student exchange visitors and promote a quality education and living experience
- promote participation in exchange programs in California and encourage interaction between California residents and international student exchange visitors
- encourage public confidence in exchange programs
- encourage compliance with federal immigration law

#### ORGANIZATIONS AFFECTED

Every person, partnership, corporation or other entity which within any five-year period, places international student exchange visitors in a school that maintains kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive. (*Govt. Code §12621; CCR §375*) In addition to completion of the registration/re-registration form, the person or entity must provide documentation that they have met the standards established under Govt. Code §12627. Failure to register is a violation of this Chapter. (*Govt. Code §12639*)

#### INFORMATIONAL DOCUMENT

International student exchange organizations that have agreed to provide services to place students in California shall provide an informational document, in English, to each student, host family and designated school official in which the student is being placed. The informational document shall be provided before placement of the student in any host family or school district and shall include the following:

- (a) an explanation of the services to be performed by the organization;
- (b) a summary of the Act
- (c) telephone numbers that the student, host family and school district may call for assistance. Must include in-state organization and telephone number, organization's national headquarters number, if any, the Department of State, and the California Attorney General.

(*Govt. Code §12628*)

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