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**Subject:** Travel Restrictions - Assembly Bill 1887 (2016)

**To:** CA–QRIS Consortium Members and Local Partners

**Topic:** Travel restrictions using state funds to certain states that have enacted discriminatory laws

**Action Required:** Information Only

Greetings CA–QRIS Consortium Members and Local Partners:

This e-mail is to inform you about Assembly Bill 1887 (2016) that “prohibits state agencies from requiring any of its employees, officers, or members to travel to, or approving a request for state-funded or state-sponsored travel to, any state that, after June 26, 2015, has enacted a law that voids or repeals, or has the effect of voiding or repealing, existing state or local protections against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.” The California Office of the Attorney General (OAG) has been identified as the agency responsible for posting a list of states that fall within AB 1887’s prohibition.

Currently, the OAG lists four states which are currently subject to the travel ban: Kansas, Mississippi, North Carolina, and Tennessee. Any CA–QRIS-related travel using state funds (e.g., First 5 IMPACT Consortia/Hub funds or the California Department of Education QRIS Block Grant funds) to these states will be denied. Additionally, we are watching the progress of similar discriminatory laws that could be enacted in Texas that would potentially restrict travel for purposes of attending the 2017 QRIS National Meeting in Dallas in June. Should Texas enact a discriminatory law prior to the start of the QRIS National Meeting, no state funds may be used to travel to or attend this meeting, making any previously approved travel requests null and void. We will continue to update the CA–QRIS Consortium as we get new information.

For further information on compliance with AB 1887, please visit the Office of the Attorney General’s Web site at <https://oag.ca.gov/ab1887>. We understand that there may be an inconvenience incurred for agencies with existing travel plans, and are happy to answer your questions about First 5 California and CDE’s position on use of First 5 IMPACT and the QRIS Block Grant funds for travel. If you have questions, please contact your First 5 California liaison or the QRIS Block Grant e-mail account at [PSQRISBG@cde.ca.gov](mailto:PSQRISBG@cde.ca.gov).

Best,

CA–QRIS State Support Team