

# UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SB 1440: STUDENT TRANSFER

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## INFORMATION AND REPORTS

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## Item 6.1

### Issue

This item provides a status update on the implementation of Senate Bill 1440 (Padilla, Statutes of 2010), the Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act.

### Background

Senate Bill (SB) 1440, which went into effect on January 1, 2011, advances the goal of streamlining the transfer process between the California Community Colleges and the California State University (CSU). The legislation calls for the development of clear transfer pathways that prepare students for transfer to CSU while also yielding a California community college associate degree. SB 1440 also offers additional benefits to community college students, including guaranteed admission to the CSU system at junior standing, eliminating the repeat of similar courses at the upper division level, and recognizing the associate degree as the measure of preparation and readiness for transfer to the CSU. By streamlining the transfer process, this initiative promises to fundamentally improve California higher education by making it more student-friendly and increasing institutional efficiency.

The SB 1440 Implementation and Oversight Committee (IOC) comprised of CSU and California community college administrators, faculty, students, California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office representatives, and CSU Chancellor's Office representatives has met on a monthly basis since enactment of the legislation and worked to develop the necessary guidelines and policies for successful implementation.

### Update

At its March 2012 meeting, the Board was provided with an update on the IOC's goals for the next phase of implementation. Specifically, the update focused on plans to: 1) develop additional Transfer Model Curricula to cover all the major transfer pathways; and 2) establish associate degrees for transfer in these disciplines at each of the state's community colleges. During the update, staff reported that 110 of 112 colleges had met the initial implementation target of having at least two SB 1440 Associate Degrees for Transfer in place. The Board requested that the presidents from any colleges not meeting the target attend the May Board meeting to explain why their college had not met the target.

Today's item will present an update on SB 1440 implementation, including: 1) presentations by representatives of any colleges failing to have at least two approved SB 1440 transfer degrees; 2) statewide update on the number of degrees approved; 3) development of outreach tools for counselors to advise students about the new degrees; and 4) communications strategies to inform students and families about the advantages of the new degrees.

Additional information and announcements regarding SB 1440 implementation can be found by visiting <http://www.SB1440.org>. This website was built jointly by the California Community College Chancellor's Office and CSU Chancellor's Office for use by faculty and administrators in the two systems.

### **Conclusion**

This item is for information only.