

## UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SB 1440: STUDENT TRANSFER

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### INFORMATION AND REPORTS

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## Item 4.4

### 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 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. The legislation calls for the development of clear transfer pathways that prepare students for transfer to California State University while also yielding a California community college associate degree. Senate Bill 1440 also offers additional benefits to community college students, including guaranteed admission to the California State University system with 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 California State University. 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 Senate Bill 1440 Implementation and Oversight Committee comprised of California State University and California Community College administrators, faculty, students, California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office representatives, and California State University 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

The board will receive an update on recent developments related to implementation of Senate Bill 1440. Key topics include:

1. **The status of the Associate of Art for Transfer and Associate of Science for Transfer degree development.** The board will be presented with the latest count of approved Associate of Art for Transfer and Associate of Science for Transfer degrees, by college.

2. **Student Transfer in California Public Higher Education.** At an earlier meeting, the board requested that Chancellor's Office staff produce a policy brief to provide a broader context to help inform current efforts related to Senate Bill 1440 implementation. The policy brief, authored by Linda Michalowski, Jeff Spano, and Bob Quinn, is provided as an attachment to this item.

Additional information and announcements regarding Senate Bill 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 the California State University Chancellor's Office for use by faculty and administrators in the two systems.

### **Conclusion**

This item is for information only.