



The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges

PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

DATE: March 4, 2013

SUBJECT: Update on Implementation of Senate Bill 1440		Item Number: 3.7	
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CATEGORY:	Academic Affairs	TYPE OF BOARD CONSIDERATION:	
Recommended By:	 Erik Skinner, Deputy Chancellor	Consent/Routine	
		First Reading	
Approved for Consideration:	 Brice W. Harris, Chancellor	Action	
		Information	X

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: During this item, the Board will receive an update on recent developments related to implementation of Senate Bill 1440. The presentation will include a report on the number of Associate of Art for Transfer (AA-T) and Associate of Science for Transfer (AS-T) degrees currently approved, as well as progress on quantifying college-level goals for full implementation.

RECOMMENDATION: This item will update the Board on progress in implementing Senate Bill 1440. The Board’s feedback and discussion will help inform the continued work of Chancellor’s Office staff on this initiative.

ANALYSIS: 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 (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. Senate Bill 1440 also offers additional benefits to community college students, including guaranteed admission to the CSU 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 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 Senate Bill 1440 Implementation and Oversight Committee 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 regular basis since enactment of the legislation and worked to develop the necessary guidelines and policies for successful implementation.

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 CSU Chancellor's Office for use by faculty and administrators in the two systems.