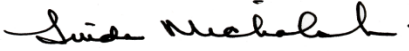





The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges

PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
DATE: July 7-8, 2014

SUBJECT: Student Success and Support Program Funding Regulation (Second Reading and Adoption)		Item Number: 2.4	
		Attachment: Yes	
CATEGORY:	Student Services and Special Programs	TYPE OF BOARD CONSIDERATION:	
Recommended By:	 Linda Michalowski, Vice Chancellor Dan Troy, Vice Chancellor	Consent/Routine	
		First Reading	
Approved for Consideration:	 Brice W. Harris, Chancellor	Action	X
		Information	

ISSUE: To authorize the Chancellor to lower the requirement for district matching funds for the Student Success and Support Program through proposed changes to California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 55518.

BACKGROUND: Current regulations require districts to spend three dollars of district funds to match each one dollar received in credit Student Success and Support Program categorical funds. This is consistent with past practice for the credit Matriculation program and reflects the state’s intent that these categorical funds supplement what colleges are already spending to provide counseling and other core student support services in order to expand those services rather than supplant current expenditures with categorical funds.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: It is recommended that the Board of Governors adopt the following Resolution.

Be it Resolved

The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, acting pursuant to Education Code sections 66700, 70901(c), 70901.5 and 78216, hereby:

- approves the proposed regulation changes;
- directs the Chancellor to file the regulations with the Secretary of State and submit the regulations to the Office of Administrative Law for printing unless the Department of Finance determines the regulations would create a state-mandated local program cost and is unable to certify to the Board of Governors and the Legislature that a source of funds is available to reimburse that cost as set forth in Education Code section 70901.5(a)(6);
- authorizes the Chancellor to take any necessary ministerial action to process these regulations; and
- adopts the regulations effective thirty days after filing with the Secretary of State and submission of the regulations to the Office of Administrative Law.

The proposed regulations are presented to the Board of Governors for approval and adoption. The Board of Governors held a public hearing in May. No public comments were received during the hearing and no public comments were made during the public comment period of May 8 through June 23, 2014.

ANALYSIS: Funding for the Student Success and Support Program was increased by \$50 million for 2013-14 and is expected to increase by double that amount or more for 2014-15. Because these significant increases are following a period of deep cuts, districts have many needs to address to restore classes, services and infrastructure support with limited general purpose funding. The imbalance is exacerbated by a significant deficit in cost of living adjustments to cover substantial increases in ongoing costs such as employee benefits and utilities. As a result, many districts will be unable to devote sufficient general funds to match the increased categorical funding for the Student Success and Support Program at the 3:1 rate. The proposed revision to this regulation would enable staff to make adjustments to lower the match requirement to a more appropriate level. Discussions are currently in progress to establish the threshold for 2014-15.

The proposed regulatory changes are included as Attachment 1.