



Procedures and Standing Orders of the Board of Governors that affect the Legislative Process/Program

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Chapter 1. Operating Procedures

Article 1. Organization

54. Statement of Legislative Principles.

The Board shall adopt and periodically review a Statement of Legislative Principles which shall provide the basic parameters guiding the Chancellor in taking positions on matters pending before the Legislature, the Governor, the Congress, and the President pursuant to section 317.

Chapter 3. Standing Orders of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges

Article 2. Operation of the Chancellor's Office

317. Positions on State Legislation.

The Chancellor is authorized to take positions on pending legislation on behalf of the Board of Governors as set forth in this section.

(a) The Board's Statement of Legislative Principles shall guide the Chancellor.

(b) Before exercising the delegated authority granted by this section, the Chancellor shall obtain the approval of the President of the Board of Governors and the Chair of the Board Committee on Legislation.

(c) The Chancellor shall be required to seek the advice of the Consultation Council or obtain approval of the Board of Governors unless a bill (or an amendment):

(1) Affects agency operations but is not otherwise relevant to system policy; or

(2) Is determined by the Chancellor to be similar to a prior bill on which a position has been taken; or

(3) Time restraints make it unfeasible; or

(4) The bill is consistent with existing Board policies. The Chancellor shall provide the Consultation Council a statement explaining why the position is consistent and schedule the item for the next Consultation Council meeting.

(d) For any relevant bill or amendment to a bill that does not meet the criteria described in section (c), the Chancellor shall prepare an analysis, seek the advice of the Consultation Council, and recommend to the Board a position on the bill.

(e) The Chancellor shall promptly inform the Board of Governors and the Consultation Council of any positions taken. Any positions taken will be reported in an Agenda item at the next Board of Governors meeting.

(f) The Chancellor shall provide for regular review and evaluation of this section. The review and evaluation shall be conducted through the Consultation process, and may be incorporated into the periodic evaluation of the Consultation process pursuant to section 342. The results and any recommendations from the evaluation shall be reported to the Board.