



The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges

PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

DATE: November 17-18, 2014

SUBJECT: Report on Senate Bill (Block) 850 Pilot Baccalaureate Program		Item Number: 4.4	
		Attachment: Yes	
CATEGORY:	Academic Affairs	TYPE OF BOARD CONSIDERATION:	
Recommended By:	 Pamela D. Walker, Vice Chancellor	Consent/Routine	
		First Reading	
Approved for Consideration:	 Brice W. Harris, Chancellor	Action	
		Information	X

ISSUE: This item provides a report to the board on the plans for implementation of the SB 850 Pilot Baccalaureate Program.

BACKGROUND: On September 28, 2014, California Governor Jerry Brown signed SB 850 (Block) authorizing up to 15 California community colleges to offer a single Baccalaureate degree on a pilot basis. Language in the bill charges the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges to develop a process for selection of those pilot colleges along with other aspects of implementing the initiative. The full text of the legislation is attached.

ANALYSIS: As identified in the legislation, each participating community college district will be authorized to offer one Baccalaureate Degree program at one campus within the district. Baccalaureate degrees offered would be limited to degrees not offered by the California State University, or the University of California and in areas with documented unmet local workforce needs. A district participating in the program shall submit their plans for the program to the Chancellor for review and to the board for approval. Fees for coursework shall be set by the Legislature. These programs will commence no later than the 2017-18 academic year with students completing their programs no later than the end of the 2022-23 academic year. Additionally, each Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program will be developed using the district's current financial resources. The program will be evaluated by both the Department of Finance and the Legislative Analyst's Office in 2018 and 2022. An initial timeline, intent to participate form, and discussion points for the development and implementation of the Pilot Baccalaureate program were presented and discussed during the Consultation Council meeting held on October 16, 2014. The updated documents, along with a proposed scoring rubric for program proposals, are attached to this agenda item.

RECOMMENDEATION: This item is presented for information and discussion.