



The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges

PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

DATE: September 9, 2014

SUBJECT: Credit Course Repetition Regulations (Second Reading and Adoption)		Item Number: 2.3	
		Attachment: Yes	
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	X
		Information	

ISSUE: Changes to the regulations governing the types of courses that a district can properly designate as repeatable have resulted in students not being able to repeat general work experience courses. Proposed changes would permit students to be able to repeat all cooperative work experience courses.

BACKGROUND: Changes to regulations concerning course repetition were adopted by the Board of Governors in July 2011 and July 2012. Most significantly, those changes limited the number of times a student could enroll in the same course and limited the types of courses that colleges could designate as repeatable. In addition, those changes limited the apportionment a college could receive for student enrollments in a single course.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: The proposed regulations are presented to the Board of Governors for approval and adoption. The Board of Governors is asked to 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) and 70901.5, hereby:

- accepts the comments and proposed response to the proposed regulatory action as set forth in Attachment 3;
- 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.

ANALYSIS: A student is permitted to repeat a credit course only if that repetition is explicitly permitted by law. Generally, repetition is permitted if either the student has met specified conditions or the district has properly designated the course as repeatable. Prior to 2011, many districts designated general and occupational work experience courses (collectively referred to as cooperative work experience courses) as repeatable and permitted students to enroll multiple times in those courses. Changes to the regulations governing the types of courses districts could lawfully designate as repeatable precluded districts from lawfully designating cooperative work experience courses as repeatable. However, pursuant to a regulation predating the 2011 changes, districts could still permit students to repeat occupational work experience courses. This exception, however, did not permit the repetition of general work experience courses. The proposed change to section 55040 would permit districts to adopt credit course repetition policies that allow students to repeat both types of cooperative work experience courses, general and occupational. In addition, changes are proposed to eliminate the requirement that a district only offer one course in an occupational field in order to permit a student to repeat an occupational work experience course. And last, changes are proposed to clarify that if a student is repeating a course pursuant to the legally mandated exception or as a result of a significant change in industry or licensure standards that there be a nexus between the repetition and the student's employment or licensure as was intended when the changes to the regulations were adopted in 2011.

The proposed changes to the regulations are included as Attachment 1.

An analysis of each proposed change is included as Attachment 2.

The proposed response to the comments received during the public comment period is included as Attachment 3.