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OVERVIEW

On August 14, 2014, both the Senate Appropriations and the Assembly Appropriations Committees met before the August 15, 2014 deadline for all measures to pass the fiscal committees (Appropriations) in the second house. The final fiscal deadline for the two-year session is one of the most significant deadlines on the legislative calendar. The fiscal committees announced which bills were “held,” meaning they will remain in committee, and which bills will pass or pass as amended. Bills that are “held” cannot move further in the process. The amendments announced for bills that passed with amendments may not be in print for a few days. These amendments are often the result of compromises sometimes made just before committee and behind the scenes. In many cases, our initial information on the amendments is limited to the brief statements by the chair when announcing the measure.

Please find the attached legislative matrix which lists bills in priority order. Please note that we have listed separately measures that have failed deadlines or were “held” in the Appropriations Committees within each priority level (tier) in the matrix. Several bills that failed deadlines earlier this year have been removed. Brief summaries are provided below for selected measures in our top priority level, Tier 1. For details and copies of any bill, please contact the Governmental Relations division of the Chancellor’s Office or visit the Legislative Counsel’s website at: <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov> or its new website at: <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/>. The new website allows you to compare prior versions of the measure, the law as amended, as well as other features.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

- **AB 1451 (Holden) Concurrent Enrollment.** AB 1451 authorizes a community college district and school district to enter into a formal concurrent enrollment partnership with the goals of helping high school students achieve college and career readiness, improving high school graduation rates, reducing community college remediation rates, and developing seamless pathways from high school to community college career technical education (CTE) programs or preparation for transfer. The bill also removes specified state policy barriers to concurrent enrollment.
 - **Position:** Sponsor/Support
 - **Status:** AB 1451 was “held” in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

- **AB 2352 (Chesbro) Community Colleges: Early, Middle College High School.** AB 2352 (Chesbro) Community Colleges: Early, Middle College High School. AB 2352 makes an exception from the low enrollment priority requirement for a student enrolling at a community college course who is attending an early college high school if that course is required for the student's early college high school program.
 - **Status:** AB 2352 was “held” in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

- **AB 2557 (Williams) Community Colleges: Intersession Extension Program.** AB 2557 (Williams) Community Colleges: Intersession Extension Program. AB 2557 deletes Pasadena City College as one of the six “eligible community college campuses” to participate in the new intersession extension pilot program created by AB 955 (Williams) from 2013. Pasadena City College requested to withdraw from the program.
 - **Status:** AB 2557 is on the Senate Floor.

- **SB 850 (Block) Community College Districts: Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program.** SB 850 would authorize the Board of Governors, in consultation with the California State University and the University of California, to establish a BA degree pilot program at up to 15 community college districts which would be determined by the Chancellor and approved by the BOG. Each participating district would be authorized to offer one BA degree program at one campus within the district. BA degrees offered would be limited to degrees not offered by the CSU or the UC 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 BOG for approval. Fees for coursework shall be set by the Legislature. In addition to the \$46 per unit community college fee, districts shall charge an additional \$84 fee for upper division coursework. The program would commence no later than the 2017-18 academic year and would require degrees to be completed by the end of the 2022-23 academic year. The program would be evaluated by both the Department of Finance and the Legislative Analyst’s Office in 2018 and 2022.
 - **Position:** Support
 - **Status:** SB 850 passed in the Assembly Appropriations Committee with amendments specifying that an evaluation be done only by the Legislative Analyst’s Office.

- **SB 1425 (Block) Community Colleges: Retroactive Awarding of Degree.** SB 1425 requires the Chancellor’s Office to identify and purchase commercially available degree audit utilities for any campus that wishes to use it. The intent is to ensure that all campuses have a degree audit system in place to monitor student progress toward a degree or certificate program. These provisions would not be operative until funding is made available.
 - **Status:** SB 1425 was “held” in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

ADULT EDUCATION

- **SB 173 (Liu) Education Funding: Adult Education.** SB 173 requires the California Department of Education and the Chancellor’s Office to coordinate and issue assessment policy guidelines regarding assessments to be used by school districts and community college districts for purposes of placement in adult education courses offered by those districts as part of an adult education consortium. The bill would also require the department and the chancellor’s office, as a part of the report required under the adult education consortium program, to jointly develop and issue policy recommendations to the Legislature regarding a comprehensive accountability system for adult education courses offered by school districts and community college districts in accordance with prescribed requirements.
 - **Status:** SB 173 passed in the Senate Appropriations Committee with clarifying amendments on reporting requirements and intent language regarding base program funding.

- **SB 897 (Steinberg) Educational Competitive Grant Programs: Adult Education.** SB 897 clarifies that public sector entities can participate in the 2013 Career Pathways Trust. Requires the commission to incorporate a specified social studies framework into the history-social science framework. The bill emphasizes the importance of basic teaching of American government and civics engagement, and registering to vote in some adult education courses.
 - **Status:** SB 897 passed in the Assembly Committee on Appropriations with amendments removing links to the consortia.

CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION, CONTRACT EDUCATION, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- **ACR 119 (Muratsuchi) Community Colleges: Career Technical Education.** ACR 119 encourages the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, in consultation with affected

stakeholders, to develop options to address the long-term funding needs of career technical education and other workforce and training programs at community colleges.

- **Status:** ACR 119 passed in the Senate Appropriations Committee and will be sent to the Senate floor.
- **SB 923 (Pavley) Educational Apprenticeship Innovation Act.** SB 923 enacts the Educational Apprenticeship Innovation Act to award a competitive grant to school districts, county offices of education, charter schools, and community college campuses to promote apprenticeships, pre apprenticeships, and career pathways among local educational agencies, institutions of higher education, and businesses of importance to local economics. The bill would also specify certain criteria to determine the competitive values of an application for the grant.
 - **Status:** SB 923 passed in the Assembly Appropriations Committee with amendments that include specifying funds from the Career Pathways Trust.

FACILITIES

- **AB 1906 (Wilk) Community College Property: Direct Costs for Use.** AB 1906 amends existing law authorizing the governing board of a community college district to grant the use of college facilities or grounds for use by community groups. AB 1906 expands the definition of direct costs to include the share of costs for maintenance, repair, restoration and refurbishment proportional to an entity's use of the college facilities or grounds. This bill requires the Board of Governors Community Colleges to develop regulations for determining specific allowable costs.
 - **Status:** AB 1906 is in the enrollment process for preparation to be sent to the Governor.
- **AB 2235 (Buchanan) Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities.** AB 2235 would place a Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2014 on the November 2014 statewide election ballot. The bond amount in the bill was originally set at \$9 billion with \$2 billion allocated to community colleges and \$500 million each to the University of California and the California State University. After being heard in the Senate Education Committee, the total amount of the bond as well as the allocations varied in print, and during discussions in the Capitol. In the Senate Appropriations Committee, the Department of Finance stated their opposition to AB 2235 citing a need for reforms to the process, the Budget Act agreement with UC and CSU, and the increase in the state debt a bond would create.
 - **Position:** Support
 - **Status:** AB 2235 passed in the Senate Appropriations Committee with amendments specifying an amount of \$4.3 billion, allocations and provisions for programmatic changes. Although the Senate Appropriations Committee's amendments are not in print, the author's staff confirmed that the allocations will be \$200 million each for the UC, CSU and community colleges.

FACULTY AND STAFF

- **AB 2558 (Williams) Community Colleges: Faculty and Staff Development.** AB 2558 is the Board of Governors sponsored legislation to revitalize professional development for both faculty and staff as directed by recommendations from the Student Success Task Force and the Professional Development Committee which concluded its work in September 2013. Specifically, AB 2558 updates outdated statute to reflect a renewed focus on professional development; authorizes the use of state money for professional development activities if it becomes available through the state budget; and clarifies that all employees, classified staff and administrators as well as faculty, be eligible to receive professional development opportunities from participating districts.
 - **Position:** Sponsor/Support

- **Status:** AB 2558 passed in the Senate Appropriations Committee.
- **AB 2705 (Williams) Community Colleges: Faculty.** AB 2705 amends existing law that related to community college faculty to change references from full-time and part-time faculty to full-time faculty, and contingent faculty.
 - **Status:** AB 2705 was “held” in the Senate Appropriations Committee.
- **ACR 95 (Gomez) California Community Colleges: Part-Time Faculty.** ACR 95 expresses the intent of the Legislature that community college districts not reduce the hours of part-time faculty for the purpose of avoiding implementation of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.
 - **Status:** Chaptered.

FISCAL ISSUES, FUNDING, ETC.

- **SB 1391 (Hancock) Inmate Education Programs: Computation.** SB 1391 waives open course requirements for community college courses offered in state correctional facilities and requires that credit courses at all correctional facilities be funded at the credit rate; Career Development and College Preparation (CDCP) courses be funded at the CDCP rate; and noncredit courses be funded at the noncredit rate. SB 1391 also requires the Chancellor’s Office and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to enter into an interagency agreement to provide community college courses to inmates in state correctional facilities. The courses provided would lead to degrees or certificates that would enhance workforce skills or allow for transfer to four year universities.
 - **Status:** SB 1391 passed in the Assembly Appropriations Committee with clarifying amendments.

GOVERNANCE

- **AB 1348 (Pérez, J) Postsecondary Education: California Higher Education Authority.** Although the California Postsecondary Education Commission (CPEC) was defunded by the Budget Act of 2011, statutes remain. AB 1348 would repeal statutes establishing the duties of CPEC and establish the California Higher Education Authority, as the replacement for CPEC. Amendments to AB 1348 have recently been posted and the author intends to move the bill. AB 1348 would establish the California Higher Education Authority which would be governed by a 13-member board of directors, appointed by the Governor, the Speaker and the Senate Committee on Rules. The board of directors will be required to convene a technical working group to advise on data and policy matters before the board of directors.
 - **Status:** AB 1348 was “held” in the Senate Appropriations Committee.
- **AB 1557 (Holden) Board of Governors.** AB 1557 broadens the description of the board members’ qualifications to encourage that the members of the Board include diverse representatives of as many of the unique demographic groups of persons found in California, “...including but not limited to: disabled persons, veterans, racial and gender.”
 - **Status:** AB 1557 is on the Assembly floor for concurrence with amendments made in the Senate.
- **AB 1942 (Bonta) Community Colleges: Accreditation.** AB 1942 has been significantly amended since it was first introduced. AB 1942 requires the accrediting commission to report to the Legislature on decisions that affect a college’s accreditation and to report on policy changes that affect the accreditation process. The Board of Governors is also required to review the

accreditation status of a college when determining compliance with minimum conditions and is responsible for ensuring that the accreditation commission submits its report to the Legislature.

- **Status:** AB 1942 is on the Assembly floor for concurrence with amendments made in the Senate.
- **AB 2087 (Ammiano) Board of Governors of Community Colleges.** AB 2087 requires the Board of Governors to amend Title 5 regulations on assigning a special trustee to include requirements that the special trustee identify benchmarks and standards that would lead to the local board regaining its authority. The special trustee would also be required to provide for consultation with the district prior to making decisions.
 - **Status:** AB 2087 is on the Senate Floor.
- **AB 2247 (Williams) Postsecondary Education: Accreditation Documents.** AB 2247 requires each campus or other unit of the University of California, California State University and the California Community Colleges that receives public funding through state or federal financial aid programs, is accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education and to make final accreditation documents available to the public via the institution's website.
 - **Status:** AB 2247 is on the Senate Floor.
- **HR 41 (Ting and Ammiano) Relative to City College of San Francisco.** House Resolution 41 Urges the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) to consider the progress of City College of San Francisco (CCSF) toward achieving compliance with standards and to provide CCSF additional time to continue solving problems while keeping its accreditation intact. House Resolutions require adoption by a majority vote of the Assembly.
 - **Status:** Adopted
- **SB 1196 (Liu) Public Postsecondary Education: State Goals.** SB 1196 establishes that the Governor or designee shall, in consultation with the segments of postsecondary education, private industry, and policy research entities, establish educational attainment goals for the segments and a target date to achieve those goals. It also requires the segments to adopt a plan to achieve those goals. The governor or designee shall convene a technical working group to advise in the development of the plans.
 - **Status:** SB 1196 was “held” in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.
- **SR 47 (Leno) Relative to City College of San Francisco.** Senate Resolution 47 urges the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) to consider the progress City College of San Francisco (CCSF) has made and, as necessary, provide the college with additional time to continue solving problems and keep its accreditation intact. Senate Resolutions require adoption by a majority vote of the Senate.
 - **Status:** Adopted

MISCELLANEOUS

- **AB 1969 (Levine) Intersegmental Coordination of Technology and Data.** AB 1969 requires the three segments of public postsecondary education to coordinate efforts when purchasing technology and software to enhance student achievement. The coordination required in this provision would apply to purchases of more than \$1 million. It also requires the segments to develop procedures to coordinate and share student performance data as they invest in and upgrade infrastructure and software.
 - **Status:** AB 1969 passed on the Assembly floor for concurrence with Senate amendments and will be prepared for enrollment to be sent to the Governor.

NURSING

- **AB 548 (Salas) Nursing Programs: Community Colleges.** AB 548 extends the sunset provision in Education Code Section 78261.5 until January 1, 2020. Originally introduced by AB 1559 (Berryhill) in 2007, Section 78261.5 authorizes a set of criteria added to the screening process for applying to nursing programs. The reasoning for the multicriteria addition was to allow for a more diverse field of candidates while improving the passing rate for the nursing licensing exam and improving the chances for successful completion in community college nursing programs.
 - **Status:** AB 548 was sent to the Governor.

STUDENT SERVICES

- **AB 1930 (Skinner) CalFresh: Student Eligibility.** AB 1930 requires county welfare departments to exempt students who participate in the California Community College Extended Opportunity Programs and Services program from the student work requirement when determining eligibility for the state's food stamp program (CalFresh).
 - **Status:** AB 1930 passed in the Senate Appropriations Committee with amendments to remove mandate requirements.
- **SB 967 (De León) Student Safety: Sexual Assault.** SB 967 requires the governing boards of each community college district, the California State University, the University of California to adopt policies concerning campus sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking, including an affirmative consent standard in the determination of whether consent was given by a complainant. SB 967 requires these governing boards to adopt certain sexual assault policies and protocols.
 - **Status:** SB 967 passed in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.
- **SB 1023 (Liu) Community Colleges: Foster Youth.** SB 1023 authorizes the Chancellor's Office of the California Community Colleges to enter into agreements with community college districts to provide additional funds for services in support of postsecondary education for foster youth. These services and support include child care and transportation allowances, books and supplies, counseling and mental health services, career counseling and housing assistance.
 - **Status:** SB 1023 passed in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.
- **SB 1369 (Block) Community Colleges: Disability Services Program.** SB 1369 amends statute relating to the Disability Services Program and the use of the term, "students with disabilities," instead of "disabled students." SB 1369 requires the regulations adopted by the Board of Governors to provide the apportionment of funds to each community college district to offset the direct excess costs ensuring that students with disabilities enrolled in state supported programs or courses receive academic adjustments, auxiliary aids and services.
 - **Status:** SB 1369 was "held" in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.
- **SB 1400 (Hancock) Community Colleges: Expulsions.** SB 1400 authorizes a community college district to require a student to apply for reinstatement upon the expiration of a protective order issued by a court against the student, and to clarify that a district must initiate this process prior to the expiration of the restraining order. A student is allowed to re-register at the expiration of a protective order without a review by the district, even though the circumstances of the protective order may still be in effect. The intent of the measure is to describe a process for a student to re-register but also for the district to review the application to ensure the student's interests are balanced with the need to maintain a safe campus.
 - **Status:** SB 1400 is on the Assembly Floor.

TUITION, FEES, FINANCIAL AID

- **AB 1285 (Fong) Postsecondary Education: Cal Grant Program.** AB 1285 would phase in the elimination of a Cal Grant B restriction that prevents 98% of first year recipients from using their award to cover tuition and fees. The Cal Grant B award serves the lowest income students and pays for tuition and fees (only 2% of grant Cal Grant B recipients may use their award for these costs), books, supplies, food, rent and transportation.
 - **Status:** AB 1285 was “held” in the Senate Appropriations Committee.
- **AB 1976 (Quirk-Silva) Student Financial Aid.** AB 1976 increases to 50,000 the number of Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards that may be granted in an academic year, commencing with the 2015-16 academic year.
 - **Position:** Support
 - **Status:** AB 1976 passed in the Senate Appropriations Committee and will be sent to the Senate floor.
- **AB 2000 (Gomez) Public Postsecondary Education.** AB 2000 provides that a student could qualify for exemption from nonresident tuition either by attending high school in California for three or more years or by attainment of credits from a California High school equivalent to three or more years of full-time high school coursework, in addition to the other conditions referenced in Education Code Section 68130.5.
 - **Status:** AB 2000 passed in the Senate Appropriations Committee and will be sent to the Senate floor.
- **AB 2160 (Ting) Postsecondary Education: Financial Aid.** AB 2160 requires a Grade Point Average (GPA) verification for all high school seniors and graduates from the prior academic year at public schools to be submitted to the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) electronically by a school or school district official. Recent amendments allow for an “opt-out” provision which would give a student the option to mail a GPA verification form to CSAC under specified conditions.
 - **Status:** AB 2160 passed in the Senate Appropriations Committee with amendments to clarify opt-out provisions, and to protect privacy.
- **AB 2201 (Chavez) US Selective Service: Financial Aid Ineligibility.** AB 2201 establishes a program through the Department of Motor Vehicles to register males between 18 and 26 years old for Selective Service when they submit an application for an original or a renewal of a driver’s license. This includes registration as a conscientious objector. Federal law requires males between the ages of 18 and 26 years of age to register for the Selective Service System, and failure to register results in fines and the loss of government benefits including Pell Grants, federal employment and services, and in some cases local government employment. California loses an estimated \$100 million in lost student financial aid, job training and employment because a number of Californians fail to register. The US Selective Service System offered \$200,000 to the Department of Motor Vehicles to cover the costs of implementing this system.
 - **Position:** Support
 - **Status:** AB 2201 was “held” in the Senate Appropriations Committee.
- **AB 2445 (Chau) Community Colleges: Transportation Fees.** AB 2445 makes minor changes to current statute that authorizes a community college district to enter into a contract for the specified transportation services if a majority of the students of that district, or campus of that district, approve the payment of a certain fee within the same time period.
 - **Status:** Chaptered.

- **SB 174 (De León) Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant Program.** SB 174 provides for the use of voluntary tax contributions to the College Access Tax Credit Fund (CATC Fund). The bill requires the Treasurer to certify monies available in the CATC Fund each year for allocation to the California Student Aid Commission (Commission), and requires the Commission to administer the funds for the purpose of increasing Cal Grant B Access Awards from \$1,473 up to \$5,000. This bill is contingent upon the enactment of SB 798, meaning both bills must become law to be in effect.
 - **Position:** Support
 - **Status:** SB 174 passed in the Assembly Appropriations Committee and will be sent to the Assembly floor.

- **SB 798 (De León) Income Taxes: Credit to Education Funds.** SB 798 allows a tax credit under the Personal Income Tax and Corporation Tax law for voluntary contributions to the College Access Tax Credit Fund (CATC Fund) established by this bill for purposes of distributing Cal Grant B Access Awards to students. This bill is contingent upon the enactment of SB 174.
 - **Position:** Support
 - **Status:** SB 798 passed in the Assembly Appropriations Committee and will be sent to the Assembly floor.

- **SB 845 (Correa) Electronic Disbursements of Student Financial Aid.** SB 845 requires the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges and the Trustees of the California State University, and requests the Regents of the University of California and each governing body of an accredited private postsecondary educational institution, to develop model contracts that would govern at each campus within their respective systems the disbursement of a financial aid award, scholarship, campus-based aid award, or school refund on a debit, prepaid, or preloaded card and to make those contracts publicly available on their respective internet websites.
 - **Status:** Chaptered.

- **SB 1028 (Jackson) Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant C Awards.** SB 1028 requires the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) to include consideration of California's long-term unemployed and low income students in selecting students to receive a Cal Grant C award. The bill allows these funds to be expended for living expenses. The bill requires CSAC to consult with the Economic and Workforce Development Division of the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office, the California Workforce Investment Board, and if possible representatives of leading competitive and emerging industry clusters, workforce professionals, and career technical educators to determine which occupational training programs and industry clusters should be prioritized.
 - **Position:** Support
 - **Status:** SB 1028 passed in the Assembly Appropriations Committee and was sent to the Assembly floor.

VETERANS

- **AB 13 (Chávez) Nonresident Tuition Exemption: Veterans.** AB 13 requires community colleges, California State University, and the University of California to exempt a student veteran from paying nonresident tuition exemption. AB 13 was amended several times after it passed the Senate Education and Senate Appropriations Committees with amendments. On August 7, 2014, President Obama signed HR 3230, the Veterans' Access, Choice and Accountability Act of 2014. This bipartisan measure addresses the veteran's health crises, and provides other services. This measure includes a section on GI Bill education benefits, essentially requiring in-state tuition for

all veterans by preventing the Veterans Administration from paying a public institution for instruction through the GI Bill if the veteran is charged a rate higher than the in-state rate. The new federal law is effective for any quarter, semester or term that begins after July 1, 2015. If AB 13 were to pass, it would align state law with federal law, but become effective January 1, 2015, six months prior to the effective date of HR 3230.

- **Position:** Support
- **Status:** After amendments sent AB 13 back to the Senate Rules Committee, the measure remained with the Committee, and is not expected to move forward.

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