



CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

February 26, 2015

OVERVIEW

February 27, 2015, was the deadline to introduce legislation in the first year of the 2015-16 legislative session. However, the State Legislative Update was written prior to this date and we expect many more bills to be added to our “bills of interest” that are not represented in this document. Please see the information at the end of this document to join our list serve to receive more information on legislation. A number of the bills recently introduced are placeholders and will have substantive revisions in the near future. These bills are called “spot” bills and are identified in the attached matrix. Some of these measures are in our top priority level, Tier 1, because of the subject matter and/or the intent of the author, but a summary is not provided below.

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ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

- **AB 288 (Holden) Public Schools: College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP)**
Partnerships. AB 288 encourages a modest expansion of voluntary dual enrollment partnerships by reducing fiscal penalties and policy barriers that currently limit such collaborations. The bill authorizes a community college district and K-12 school district to enter into a formal CCAP partnership with the goal developing seamless pathways from high school to community college for career technical education or preparation for transfer, or helping high school students achieve college and career readiness, or improving high school graduation rates.
 - Position: Sponsor/Support
 - Status: Introduced
- **AB 482 (Harper) Concurrent Enrollment in Secondary School and Community College.** AB 482 states legislative intent to enact legislation regarding concurrent enrollment for high school students pursuing computer sciences studies. AB 482 is currently a spot bill.
 - Status: Introduced
- **AB 542 (Wilk) Community Colleges: Early and Middle College High Schools.** AB 542 grants the same enrollment priority consideration to Early College High Schools (ECHS) as is authorized under current law for Middle College High Schools. For purposes of receiving state apportionment, this bill exempts ECHSs and MCHSs from the requirement that a community college may only claim apportionment funds for high school students if the classes comply with open course provisions in the California Education Code and Title 5 Regulations.
 - Status: Introduced

CAMPUS CLIMATE/CAMPUS SAFETY

- **AB 340 (Weber) Postsecondary Education: Campus Climate Report.** AB 340 declares the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to require governing bodies of the higher education systems to submit a report once every two years to the legislature on campus climate.
 - Status: Introduced
- **SB 186 (Jackson) Community College Districts: Removal, Suspension, or Expulsion.** SB 186 authorizes the governing board of a community college district to remove, suspend, or expel a student for conduct occurring off of the community college district property. SB 186 requires the governing board to consider factors including the severity of the crime and the likelihood of the crime occurring again. Current law prohibits a community college district from disciplining a student for an incident that is not related to the college. That is, if the incident did not occur on campus and did not involve another student or employee, the college district cannot take action to remove, suspend or expel the student. The University of California and California State University systems do not have such restrictions and have expanded their authority recently to address issues related to campus safety. The author's intent in expanding this authority for community college districts is to aid districts in enforcing Title IX.
 - Status: Introduced
- **AB 636 (Medina) Student Safety.** AB 636 authorizes postsecondary education institutions to disclose the identity of a student or employee who is accused of a violent crime, sexual assault, or hate crime to local law enforcement if the institution determines that the alleged assailant represents a serious and ongoing threat to the safety of persons or the institution and the immediate assistance of police is necessary to contact or detain the assailant. AB 1433 (Gatto) which was signed into law last year, requires colleges to report serious crimes that occur on campus or involve students or employees to local law enforcement. That bill included language prohibiting the disclosure of the accused assailant's identity to local law enforcement if the victim declined to be identified. AB 636 allows colleges to identify the accused (not the victim) if the college determines that the accused assailant poses a serious and ongoing threat to campus safety.
 - Status: Introduced

CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION, CONTRACT EDUCATION, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- **SB 66 (Leyva) Career Technical Education Pathways Program.** SB 66 would extend until July 1, 2018, the CTE Pathways Program originally established by SB 70, a bill by Senator Jack Scott that was chaptered in 2005, and extended by SB 1070 (Steinberg), chaptered in 2012.
 - Status: Assigned to the Senate Education Committee
- **SB 148 (McGuire) Career Technical Education: Career and Jobs Skills.** SB 148 establishes the Career and Job Skills Education Act. This measure authorizes the governing board of a school district that operates any state-approved career technical education sequence of courses to apply to the Superintendent for a grant for the development and enhancement of high-quality career technical education programs in the school district. SB 148 appropriates \$600,000,000 from the general fund, placing it in the Career and Job Skills Education Fund in the State Treasury, which is also created by SB 148. This bill requires the Superintendent to administer the fund and distribute awards through an annual application process. School districts that receive a grant or accept funds shall consult with community colleges within their district regarding course alignment.
 - Status: Introduced

FACILITIES

- **AB 6 (Wilk) Bonds: Transportation: School Facilities.** AB 6 details that no further bonds shall be sold for high-speed rail purposes pursuant to the Safe, Reliable High-Speed Passenger Train Bond Act for the 21st Century. This measure requires that the net proceeds of other bonds be made available to fund construction of school facilities for K-12 and higher education.
 - Status: Assigned to both the Assembly Transportation and Education Committees
- **AB 148 (Holden) Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016.** AB 148 places an initiative on the November 2016 statewide election ballot for a bond to fund facilities projects. The scope and dollar amount are unspecified at this time.
 - Status: Introduced
- **SB 114 (Liu) Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016.** Similar, to AB 148, this measure places an initiative on the November 2016 statewide ballot for a bond to fund facilities projects at K-12 schools, community colleges, CSU and UC. SB 114 does not specify a dollar amount.
 - Status: Assigned to both the Senate Education and Governance and Finance Committees

FACULTY

- **SB 373 (Pan) California Community Colleges: Overload Assignment.** SB 373 requires community college districts to report to the Board of Governors, by March 31, 2016, the total number of full-time equivalent faculty (FTEF) positions staffed by faculty teaching overload assignments during the period July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2015, inclusive. Effective July 1, 2016, the bill would require that reported number to become that district's maximum allowable number of FTEF positions that may be staffed by faculty teaching overload assignments until the district's full-time faculty percentage is greater than or equal to 75%. Governing boards will be required to determine if a district is in compliance. In the cases of serious hardship the district will be allowed to file for an exemption. This bill would prohibit a district from assigning a person hired as a contract faculty member after July 1, 2016, to teach any overload assignment in excess of the equivalent of a full-time teaching load until the person achieves tenured status as a full-time faculty member.
 - Status: Introduced

GOVERNANCE

- **SB 42 (Liu) Commission on Higher Education Performance.** SB 42 amends statute referring to the California Postsecondary Education Commission (CPEC) and replaces CPEC with the California Commission on Higher Education Performance and Accountability. SB 42 revises various functions and responsibilities assigned to CPEC. CPEC no longer functioned after Governor Brown eliminated its funding in the State budget. Additionally, the bill amends statute to replace the CPEC appointee to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) with an appointee from the new Commission and deletes the provision that established an appointee on the CTC by the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges.
 - Status: Assigned to the Senate Education Committee

- **AB 404 (Chiu) Community Colleges: Accreditation.** AB 404 requires the Board of Governors to conduct a survey of the community colleges, including consultation with representatives of both faculty and classified personnel, to develop a report for the United States Department of Education and the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity that reflects a systemwide evaluation of the accrediting agency based on the criteria used to determine an accreditor's status.
 - Status: Introduced
- **SCA 1 (Lara) University of California: Legislative Control.** SCA 1 proposes an amendment to the State Constitution to repeal the constitutional provisions relating to the University of California and the regents. This measure subjects the university and the regents to legislative control as may be provided by statute. SCA 1 prohibits the Legislature from enacting any law that restrains academic freedom or imposes educational or curricular requirements on students.
 - Status: Assigned to both the Senate Education and Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committees

MISCELLANEOUS

- **AB 176 (Bonta) Data Collection.** AB 176 requires the segments of higher education, as well as the State Department of Public Health, to collect data on specified Asian and Pacific Islander subgroups and post the data on their respective websites by July 2016.
 - Status: Assigned to both the Assembly Committee on Higher Education and the Assembly Committee on Health

STUDENT SERVICES

- **AB 5 (Nazarian) Foster Youth: Transition from High School.** AB 5 is currently a spot bill; however, the bill expresses the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would facilitate the transition of foster youth from high school to postsecondary education.
 - Status: Introduced
- **SB 12 (Beall) Foster Youth.** SB 12 is currently a spot bill; however, the bill expresses the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would require that a placement order for a person who is in the custody of a juvenile facility remain in place until the person attains a specified age and is released from custody, in order to help ensure that the person may be eligible for foster youth benefits upon his or her release from custody.
 - Status: Introduced

TUITION, FEES, FINANCIAL AID

- **AB 25 (Gipson) Financial Aid: Cal Grant Program: Renewal.** AB 25 requires the Student Aid Commission to establish an appeal process for an otherwise qualified institution that fails to satisfy the 3-year cohort default rate and graduation rate requirements under the Cal Grant program. AB 25 is similar to AB 640 (Hall) from the last legislative session. That measure was held in the Senate Appropriations Committee.
 - Status: Assigned to the Assembly Higher Education Committee

- **AB 42 (Kim) Public Postsecondary Education: Funding and Fees.** AB 42 would prohibit mandatory systemwide fees or tuition charged to students of the California State University from exceeding the level of the mandatory systemwide fees or tuition charged for a specified fiscal year. Prohibits same for the California Community Colleges and the University of California for specified fiscal years. Prohibits a student success fee unless approved by students in a prescribed manner.
 - Status: Assigned to the Assembly Higher Education Committee
- **AB 82 (Garcia) US Selective Service: Financial Aid Ineligibility.** Substantially similar to last year's AB 2201 (Chavez), AB 82 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. AB 82 requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to implement the provisions of this bill by a certain date only if the first year operating costs do not exceed \$350,000 and federal funding in an amount sufficient to pay for those costs has been provided.
 - Position: Support
 - Status: Assigned to the Assembly Transportation Committee
- **AB 200 (Alejo) Student Financial Aid: Competitive Cal Grants Awards.** AB 200 would increase the total number of Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards granted annually over a period of three years from 22,500 awards up to a maximum of 100,000 awards by 2018-19. Currently, AB 200 does not specify the degree of incremental increase to occur in the first two years of the three year plan.
 - Status: Assigned to the Assembly Higher Education Committee
- **SB 15 (Block) Postsecondary Education.** SB 15 would increase Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards from 22,500 to 30,000 annual awards.
 - Status: Assigned to the Senate Education Committee

VETERANS

- **AB 13 (Chavez) Public Postsecondary Education.** AB 13 exempts nonresident students enrolled at a community college using Federal GI bill education benefits from paying out of state tuition to align state law with the federal law, the Veterans Access to Care Act (VACA). AB 13 authorizes community college districts to report these students who are exempted from nonresident tuition for purposes of calculating apportionments.
 - Position: Support
 - Status: Heard in the Assembly Higher Education on March 3, 2015
- **AB 27 (Chavez) Postsecondary Education: Non-Resident Tuition Exemption.** AB 27 requires the California State University and requests the University of California to exempt from paying nonresident tuition a student or prospective student of their respective segments who is using, or is intending to use, GI Bill educational benefits, while enrolled as a student of that segment. This measure is intended to align state law with VACA for the UC and CSU systems.
 - Position: Support
 - Status: Heard in the Assembly Higher Education on March 3, 2015
- **AB 393 (Roger Hernández) Veteran Resource Centers Grant Program.** AB 393 establishes the Veteran Resource Centers Grant Program for veteran resource centers at community colleges. AB 393 establishes the Veteran Resource Centers Grant Fund in the State Treasury and would

allocate funds upon appropriation by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act for a grant program administered by the Chancellor's Office.

- Status: Introduced
- **AB 421 (Calderon). Community Colleges: Veterans Counselor.** AB 421 requires the governing board of a community college district to provide a veterans counselor at each college in their district. AB 421 also requires the Board of Governors to adopt regulations to establish and maintain minimum qualifications for veteran's counselors.
 - Status: Introduced

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