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OVERVIEW

The deadline to introduce legislation was February 17, 2017. Our initial review produced about 170 bills to track that affect community colleges. Historically, we have had between 130 and 250 measures to monitor. We have identified about 40 measures for our top priority level, Tier 1, but this list may experience significant changes as members of the Legislature advance their proposals and receive feedback on their proposed changes to law. A number of measures were introduced as placeholders that are currently written with minor changes to current law or simply expressing intent to change current law. These non-substantive measures are commonly referred to as “spot” bills and may be amended into a completely different subject before being sent to a policy committee. In the attached matrix, we have separated about 40 spot bills focused on higher education from our list of priority measures and identified those as “spot” bills.

The summaries that follow are for our top priority, or “Tier 1” bills, and reflect the information that was available when this update was drafted. 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://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/>.

BILLS OF INTEREST

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

- **AB 95 (Jones-Sawyer) Public Postsecondary Education: California State University: Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program.** AB 95 requires the Trustees of the California State University (CSU) to establish a voluntary Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program in up to seven areas of the state. The bill proposes to create a pathway that allows students to earn a baccalaureate degree for a total cost not exceeding \$10,000, including the cost of textbooks.
 - Status: Assigned to the Assembly Committee on Higher Education
- **AB 276 (Medina) Cybersecurity.** This bill requests UC, CSU, community college districts, and independent institutions of higher education to complete a report before January 1st 2019 on cyber security education and training programs. The report should include the total number of students enrolled in cybersecurity programs, the demand for these programs and a description of the programs.
 - Status: Assigned to the Assembly Committee on Higher Education
- **AB 405 (Irwin) Baccalaureate Degree Cybersecurity Program.** AB 405 authorizes the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, in consultation with the California State University and the University of California, to establish a statewide baccalaureate degree cybersecurity pilot program at not more than 10 community college districts.
 - Status: Assigned to the Assembly Committee on Higher Education

- **AB 705 (Irwin) Seymour-Campbell Student Success Act of 2012: matriculation: assessment.** AB 705 requires the use of high school transcript data for the assessment and placement of students in English and mathematics courses in order to maximize student success in those courses within a one-year timeframe. The bill prohibits a student from being required to enroll in remedial coursework that lengthens their time to complete a degree unless research shows they are highly unlikely to succeed in college-level coursework.
 - Status: Introduced

- **SB 25 (Portantino) Education: Integrated K 14 System.** SB 25 requires the Legislative Analyst to conduct an assessment and make recommendations for the complete integration of the state's elementary schools, secondary schools, and the California Community Colleges, and to take specified actions, including recommending the expansion of concurrent enrollment programs.
 - Status: Introduced

- **SB 577 (Dodd) Community College Districts: Teacher Credentialing Programs of Professional Preparation.** AB 577 authorizes the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, in consultation with state universities and local education boards and school districts, to authorize a community college district to offer a teacher-credentialing program, subject to approval by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing.
 - Status: Introduced

- **SB 769 (Hill) Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program.** SB 769 increases the statutory limit on the total number of community college baccalaureate degree programs from 15 to 30, and removes the 2022-23 sunset date. It also prohibits the development of a pilot program if the curricula is within 100 miles of the California State University or University of California that offers the same curricula or program of study.
 - Status: Introduced

CAMPUS CLIMATE/CAMPUS SAFETY

- **AB 21 (Kalra) Public Postsecondary Education: Student Access.** AB 21 prohibits the California Community Colleges, the California State University, and requests the University of California, to the extent legally possible, not to cooperate with immigration enforcement agencies or officials. The bill prohibits the colleges from releasing the immigration status of a college's students or allowing officials of the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency to enter their campuses without a written description of their planned activities provided at least 10 days before the visit. The colleges are also required to provide housing or a stipend during breaks to students who cannot return to their families who live outside the country, access to legal services for students who face significant risk of deportation, and resources to help undocumented students if the President eliminates DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals).
 - Status: Assigned to the Assembly Committee on Higher Education and Assembly Judiciary Committee

- **SB 54 (de León) Law Enforcement: Sharing Data.** SB 54 prohibits state and local law enforcement agencies, school police and community college police from using resources to investigate, detain, detect, report, or arrest persons for immigration enforcement purposes
 - Status: SB 54 passed in the Senate Committee on Public Safety and was sent to the Senate Appropriations Committee

CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION/APPRENTICESHIP/WORKFORCE

- **AB 669 (Berman) California Community Colleges Economic and Workforce Development Program.** AB 669 extends the sunset date on the California Community Colleges Economic and Workforce Development Program to July 1, 2023.
 - Status: Introduced
- **AB 1053 (Calderon) Career Technical Education: Licensee Information.** Current law, established by legislation sponsored by the Board of Governors in 2016, requires the Department of Consumer Affairs to furnish the Chancellor's Office specified information from licensees. This information would enable the Chancellor's Office to measure employment outcomes of students who participate in career technical education programs offered by the California Community Colleges and recommend how these programs may be improved. Oversight of licensure and regulation of various professions and vocations by boards falls within the Department of Consumer Affairs. AB 1053 limits the Department to providing only the last four digits of the licensee's federal employer identification number, individual taxpayer identification number, or social security number. AB 1053 also requires the Chancellor's Office to reimburse the department for its costs to comply with these provisions.
 - Status: Introduced

FACILITIES

- **SB 7 (Moorlach) School District and Community College District Bonds.** When submitting a bond before the voters, SB 7 requires the governing board of a school or community college district to provide a facilities master plan with cost estimates and to specify each planned project identified at a school or college campus.
 - Status: Introduced

FACULTY

- **AB 310 (Medina) Part-Time Faculty Office Hours.** This bill would require each community college district to report, on or before August 15 of each year, the total part-time faculty office hours paid divided by the total part-time faculty office hours taught during the prior fiscal year and post this information on its Internet Web site.
 - Status: Introduced
- **AB 847 (Bocanegra) Academic Senates.** AB 847 requires the local academic senate of a campus of the California State University or of a campus of the California Community Colleges to post its membership roster on its Internet Web site or Internet Web page.
 - Status: Introduced

GOVERNANCE

- **AB 217 (Low) Office of Higher Education Performance and Accountability.** AB 217 establishes the Office of Higher Education Performance and Accountability as the statewide postsecondary education coordination and planning entity.
 - Status: Assigned to the Assembly Committee on Higher Education
- **AB 1038 (Bonta) Postsecondary Education: Higher Education Policy.** AB 1038 establishes a nine member Blue Ribbon Commission on Public Postsecondary Education, and specifies its membership and duties. The Blue Ribbon Commission is required to develop a written plan to ensure that public universities and colleges in California are tuition-free and affordable to all students, including low-income and underrepresented students, and have the capacity to provide universal participation for all high school graduates by the year 2030. AB 1038 makes additional requirements of the Commission to hold hearings, conduct research, and report to the Legislature.
 - Status: Introduced

MISCELLANEOUS

- **AB 856 (Levine) Hiring Policy: Geographic and Socioeconomic Diversity.** AB 856 requires CSU and the governing board of each community college district to ensure that serious consideration is given to candidates from geographic areas and socioeconomic sectors of the state that are underrepresented among their administrative personnel. One example of “serious consideration” is interviewing at least one candidate from an underrepresented geographic or socioeconomic sector.
 - Status: Introduced
- **SB 727 (Galgiani) Public Postsecondary Education: Instructional Materials.** SB 727 authorizes public postsecondary educational institutions to adopt policies that allow for the use of innovative pricing techniques and payment options for textbooks and other instructional materials. SB 727 includes an opt out provision for students. SB 727 requires that these policies be adopted only if there is documented evidence that the proposed options would reduce the cost of the textbooks or other instructional materials for students.
 - Status: Introduced

STUDENT SERVICES

- **AB 214 (Weber) Student Food Security.** AB 214 seeks to assist students facing food insecurity by making the CalFresh application process easier. The Student Aid Commission would be required to notify CalGrant recipients of their eligibility for CalFresh benefits. The Department of Social Services (CDSS) would be required to maintain a list of programs that qualify for the employment training exemption in federal regulation. This exemption allows full time students to receive CalFresh benefits if they are in one of these programs. The list of programs was developed under prior legislation with consultation of the Chancellor’s Office. The list includes EOPS, DSPS, CARE, CAYFES and other programs.
 - Status: Introduced

- **AB 227 (Mayes) CalWORKs: Education Incentives.** AB 227 provides a supplemental education incentive grant when a CalWORKs recipient reaches an educational milestone, as outlined below:
 - High school diploma or equivalent: \$100/month
 - Associate’s degree or career/technical education program: \$200/month
 - Bachelor’s degree: \$300/month

The bill appropriates \$20 million to partially restore funding to the California Community Colleges CalWORKs program, which provides work-study slots, education and career counseling, and other services to CalWORKs recipients.

 - Status: Introduced

- **AB 1567 (Holden) Foster Youth.** AB 1567 requires the State Department of Social Services and county welfare departments, in coordination with the California State University and the California Community Colleges to share relevant data on foster youth enrollment and ensure that foster youth are offered access to programs offered, like EOPS.
 - Status: Introduced

- **SB 12 (Beall) Foster Youth in Higher Education.** SB 12 is intended to improve post-secondary achievement among foster youth. The bill requires every county child welfare agency to assist foster youth in the financial aid application process. SB 12 requires the Student Aid Commission to work with the State Department of Social Services to develop an automated system to verify a student’s foster youth status for applying for federal Pell Grants; and expands Cooperating Agencies Foster Youth Educational Support (CAFYES) program from the current level of 10 community college districts to 20 districts.
 - Status: Introduced

- **SB 164 (McGuire) Tribal TANF.** SB 164 extends priority enrollment at a community college to recipients of Tribal TANF. CalWorks recipients already have priority enrollment and Tribal TANF is essentially the same program with authority provided to federally recognized Tribes to administer their program. The affected population is estimated at 11,000 statewide.
 - Status: Introduced

- **SB 307 (Nguyen) Postsecondary Education: Student Housing Insecurity and Homelessness.** SB 307 requires the Legislative Analyst’s Office, in consultation with the University of California, the California State University, and the California Community Colleges, to conduct a study on housing insecurity and homelessness of current postsecondary students in this state and prospective applicants to postsecondary educational institutions in this state. The study is due to the Legislature on or before December 31, 2018.
 - Status: Introduced

- **SB 319 (Nguyen) Public postsecondary education: remedial coursework.** SB 319 requires the California Community Colleges to provide entrance counseling and assessment or other suitable support services to inform an incoming student, prior to that student completing registration, of any remedial coursework the student will be required to complete and the reasons for the requirement.
 - Status: Introduced

- **SB 478 (Portantino) Transfer of Community College Students to the California State University or University of California.** SB 478 requires the governing board of each

community college district to identify students who have completed an associate degree for transfer in an electronic database to facilitate information sharing with the California State University and the University of California. The bill requires adding these students to the identification list within 45 days of their completion of the degree unless the student affirmatively opts out of being included.

- Status: Introduced
- **SB 539 (De Leon) Community College Student Achievement Program.** SB 539 establishes the Community College Student Achievement Program commencing with the 2017–18 academic year. The program creates a coherent, integrated, and system wide approach regarding instruction, advising, support services, and financial aid provided to students. The program requires a community college district governing board, as a condition of receiving funds, to demonstrate in its application that the district will develop a guided pathway plan that includes specified components.
 - Status: Introduced

TUITION, FEES, FINANCIAL AID

- **AB 19 (Santiago) Community Colleges: Enrollment Fee Waiver.** AB 19 lowers the amount of unmet financial need a student needs to demonstrate to qualify for a Board of Governor’s fee waiver to \$1.
 - Status: Assigned to the Assembly Committee on Higher Education
- **AB 204 (Medina) Community Colleges: Enrollment Fee Waiver.** AB 204 requires the California Community Colleges Board of Governors to review and approve due process standards adopted to appeal the loss of a fee at three-year intervals. The bill requires a community college district to allow students to make hardship appeals if the BOG changes any standards. Part of the three-year review by the BOG would include an examination of the impact of minimum academic and progress standards on fee waiver eligibility, and a determination of whether those standards disproportionately impacted certain student groups. A community college district is required to develop strategies to address identified problem areas in the student equity plan.
 - Status: Assigned to the Assembly Committee on Higher Education
- **AB 343 (McCarty) Public postsecondary education: holders of certain special immigrant visas.** AB 343 exempts Iraqi and Afghan students, who reside in the United States under a special immigrant visa, from paying nonresident tuition. These students worked as translators with the U.S. Armed Forces or under Chief of Mission authority in Iraq and Afghanistan. It also makes those students eligible to apply for all student financial aid programs and scholarships administered by public colleges and universities to the same extent as individuals who are admitted to the United States as refugees. The bill would also require community college districts to waive the fees of these students to the same extent as the above-described refugees.
 - Status: Assigned to the Assembly Committee on Higher Education
- **AB 370 (Rodriguez) Student Financial Aid: Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards.** AB 370 would require the California Student Aid Commission to calculate a target for Competitive

Cal Grants A and B to be awarded in an academic year. The intent of the bill is to ensure that all Competitive Awards are distributed to needy students in an academic year.

- Status: Assigned to the Assembly Committee on Higher Education
- **AB 393 (Quirk-Silva) Public Postsecondary Education: Mandatory System wide Fees and Tuition.** AB 393 places a moratorium on tuition and enrollment fee increases for the California State University and California Community Colleges through the 2019-2020 academic year, and urges the UC Regents to take similar action.
 - Status: Assigned to the Assembly Committee on Higher Education
- **AB 559 (Santiago) Community Colleges: Enrollment Fee Waiver.** AB 559 requires the California Community Colleges Board of Governors, by January 1, 2019, to ensure that a fee waiver application is available online for students at each community college.
 - Status: Introduced
- **AB 637 (Medina) Community Colleges: Student Equity Plans.** AB 637 would require campus-based research at community colleges regarding student equity plans to use standard definitions and measures of “equity” and “underrepresented” as established by the Chancellor.
 - Status: Introduced
- **AB 1020 (Holden) Student Loans: Financial Education for Students Regarding Loans.** AB 1020 requires a lender to disclose the student’s options for financing his or her postsecondary education, the student’s repayment options, and any other information requested by the student that is relevant to the proposed loan agreement. The bill specifies that the lender must comply with these requirements before entering into a student loan contract.
 - Status: Introduced
- **AB 1178 (Calderon) Postsecondary Education: Student Loans.** AB 1187 requires each higher education institution participating with state financial aid programs to, to the extent student loan information is received; send a letter to students regarding their student education loans. The letter would include information about the student’s total loan amount, total pay-off amount, possible monthly repayment amounts with principal and interest, and contact information for the institution’s financial aid office or a financial aid or academic adviser of the institution.
 - Status: Assigned to the Assembly Committee on Higher Education
- **SB 15 (Leyva) Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant C awards.** SB 15 sets the maximum amount of an annual Cal Grant C award for tuition, fees, and access costs up to \$3,000. Currently, the Cal Grant C award provides up to \$547 each year for access costs to eligible community college students in Career Technical Education programs.
 - Status: Assigned to the Senate Education Committee
- **SB 68 (Lara) Public Postsecondary Education: Exemption from Nonresident Tuition.** SB 68 allows two years of full-time enrollment at a community college to count towards the three-year requirement to qualify for AB 540 eligibility. Additionally, the bill would allow a student to complete an Associate Degree or satisfy minimum requirements for transfer in lieu of a high school diploma or GED in order to qualify for in-state financial aid.
 - Status: Assigned to the Senate Education Committee.

- **SB 803 (Glazer) Public Postsecondary Education: The California Promise.** AB 803 caps community college enrollment fees and CSU tuition for a California Promise participant if the student earns an associate degree within two years or a baccalaureate degree within four years. Community college enrolment fees for Promise participants would remain at the same levels charged to students during their first year at a community college. SB 803 also grants fee waivers to participants if they were unable to complete an associate degree or transfer within the required two-year timeframe due to unavailability of courses. SB 803 also imposes these same requirements on CSU.
 - Status: Introduced

VETERANS, MILITARY AND DEPENDENTS

- **AB 172 (Chávez) Residency: Dependents of Armed Forces Members.** AB 172 amends current statute that provides in-state tuition for dependents of military members so that they will maintain resident tuition after admission to a postsecondary institution.
 - Status: Introduced

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