OVERVIEW

The Legislature is scheduled to begin their Spring Recess upon adjournment on April 10, 2014, and reconvening on April 21, 2014. A number of the bills we are monitoring will be heard after the recess at hearings on April 22, and April 23 in the Assembly Committee on Higher Education and the Senate Education Committee respectively. Bills that have been assigned to these committees may not be posted yet on the committee’s agenda. Legislation that has a fiscal effect must be heard by May 2, 2014 in the policy committee in the house of origin (e.g., Assembly bills addressing higher education issues must pass the Assembly Higher Education Committee by May 2). If the bill does not have a fiscal effect, or if it is not significant, the deadline for passing the policy committee of the bill’s first house is May 9, 2014.

As bills continue through the process, some measures are evaluated by committee staff, and the author’s office to determine if the measure should go forward this year. In a number of cases, the bill may be dropped from consideration before it is scheduled to be heard. For example, AB 1924 and AB 1925 by Assembly Member Logue were pulled from the committee’s agenda. These bills attempted to limit the cost of baccalaureate degrees from the California State University and the University of California.

Our sponsored measure on Concurrent Enrollment, AB 1451 (Holden) passed in the Assembly Committee on Higher Education. AB 1451 was also assigned to the Assembly Committee on Education, and will be heard in that committee after the recess. AB 2558 (Williams), our sponsored measure on Professional Development, will be heard after the recess in the Assembly Committee on Higher Education on April 22. Our sponsored measure on Stabilization Funding for the San Francisco Community College District, SB 965 (Leno) was recently amended to remove the requirement for a special trustee. This amendment was not at the request of the Board of Governors, and may cause us to reconsider our sponsorship and position on this measure. SB 965 will be heard after the recess, in the Senate Education Committee on April 23, 2014.

Brief summaries are provided below for selected measures in our top priority level, Tier 1. In addition, you will find the attached legislative matrix, which is in priority order. 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.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

• AB 1451 (Holden) Concurrent Enrollment. AB 1451 authorizes the governing boards of a school district and a community college district to enter into a formal concurrent enrollment partnership. The goals of the partnerships include helping high school students achieve college and career readiness, reducing community college remediation rates, and developing seamless pathways from high school to community college career technical education programs and/or preparation for transfer. The bill removes certain restrictions on concurrent enrollment for participants of a partnership and Middle College High School and Early College High School programs.
  o Position: Sponsor/Support
  o Status: AB 1451 passed the Assembly Committee on Higher Education and was sent to the Assembly Committee on Education.
• **AB 1540 (Hagman) Concurrent Enrollment in Secondary School and Community College.** AB 1540 authorizes the governing board of a school district to allow a student recommended by community college dean of a computer science department or other appropriate community college career computer science administrator, to attend a community college during any session or term and to undertake one or more courses of computer science offered at the community college.
   
   o **Status:** AB 1540 passed the Assembly Committee on Higher Education and is scheduled to be heard in the Assembly Committee on Education on April 9, 2014.

• **AB 2153 (Gray) Postsecondary Education: Course Offerings.** AB 2153 adds a provision to the new intercession extension program, authorized by AB 955 (Williams) from 2013, to define the use of the word “supplant” when referring to the offering of extension courses versus the offering of courses funded with state apportionments. Existing law states that an extension course shall not supplant a course funded with state apportionments. Specifically, the bill specifies that “supplant means to increase the number of special session program course offerings and to correspondingly decrease the number of regular course offerings at a campus.” The bill includes similar provisions for the CSU’s special session programs.
   
   o **Status:** AB 2153 was assigned to the Assembly Committee on Higher Education.

• **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
   
   o **Status:** AB 2352 is scheduled to be heard in the Assembly Committee on Higher Education on April 22, 2014.

• **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 intercession extension pilot program created by AB 955 (Williams) from 2013. Pasadena City College requested to withdraw from the program.
   
   o **Status:** AB 2557 was assigned to the Assembly Committee on Higher Education.

• **SB 850 (Block) Community College Districts: Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program.** SB 850 authorizes the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to allow the establishment of a pilot program for one baccalaureate degree per campus per district. SB 850 states that the baccalaureate degree pilot program shall consist of a limited number of campuses. SB 850 would create an eight year pilot program in which the Chancellor may authorize a district meeting certain requirements to offer no more than one baccalaureate degree per campus. A participating district must document to its local governing board that 1) there is an unmet local workforce need; 2) the proposed BA degree program does not duplicate similar programs offered by nearby postsecondary institutions; and 3) the district has the expertise, resources and student interest to offer a particular degree. In addition to other requirements, the bill states that a district shall determine curriculum, faculty, facilities & tuition and is authorized to charge BA students a fee to cover additional costs. The bill also states that a district may enter into agreements with local businesses to provide education services to these students.
   
   o **Status:** SB 850 will be heard in the Senate Education Committee on April 23, 2014.

• **SB 1425 (Block) Community Colleges: Retroactive Awarding of Degree.** SB 1425 specifies requirements for the Board of Governors and the Chancellor’s Office regarding degree audits and awarding degrees, certificates, and transfer requirements retroactively earned over the past 5 years. It requires the Chancellor’s Office develop or identify a centralized, commercially available program to conduct degree audits throughout the system. SB 1425 provides that this program be available to colleges so that staff could monitor student progress toward the completion of degrees,
certificates, or transfer requirements. Students eligible to receive a degree or certificate shall have the option to opt out or receive the degree or certificate. The author’s staff recognizes that the current language is ambitious and has challenges, including costs, etc. However, the author’s office intends to work with the Chancellor's Office to amend this measure so that the program can be implemented.

- **Status:** SB 1425 will be heard in the Senate Education Committee on April 23, 2014.

**ADULT EDUCATION**

- **SB 173 (Liu) Education Funding: Adult Health And Safety Education:** SB 173 eliminates specified classes and courses eligible to be funded from the State Department of Education (SDE) adult education funds and California Community Colleges adult education noncredit apportionment funding, and requires the SDE and the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office to create a joint accountability system and common assessment model for purposes of student placement in adult education courses.
  - **Status:** SB 173 passed the Senate, and is with the Assembly Committee on Higher Education, but has not moved forward since August 2013.

- **SB 897 (Steinberg) Educational Competitive Grant Programs: Adult Education.** SB 897 clarifies that public sector entities can participate in the 2013 Career Pathways Trust, and requires the Superintendent of Instruction to consider whether a grant recipient shall include specified social studies state standards. 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 the Senate Committee on Education on March 26, 2014 and is assigned to the Senate Committee on Appropriations.

**CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION, CONTRACT EDUCATION, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- **AB 1865 (Chavez) Community Colleges: Education Programs.** AB 1865 is a spot bill that uses language from Education Code for contract education at community colleges; however, the author’s office does not have plans at this time for this measure.

- **AB 1950 (Campos) Career Education: Career Education Incentive Program.** AB 1950 states legislative intent to create incentives for school districts, county offices of education, charter schools, and community college districts to establish regional career education consortia to coordinate, deliver, and implement high-quality and cost-effective career and college preparation programs in kindergarten and grades 1 to 14.
  - **Status:** AB 1950 is assigned to the Assembly Education Committee for the April 9, 2014 hearing.

- **AB 2070 (Campos) Community College Apprenticeship Instructors: Qualifications.** AB 2070 expands the qualifications for apprenticeship instructors. In addition to the existing minimum qualifications, this bill would add the following options for an instructor to qualify:
  - a person who has been an apprenticeship instructor since January 1, 1993 qualifies (i.e., grandfathered in)
  - six years of occupational experience or a journeyman’s certificate in the subject matter area to be taught, and shall have completed 12 semester units of degree-applicable college level course work.
  - six years of occupational experience or a journeyman’s certificate in the subject matter area to be taught and has completed 60 hours of professional education in classroom techniques and instructional development
six years of occupational experience or a journeyman’s certificate in the subject
matter area to be taught and possesses a vocational or career technical education
teaching credential.
A person may also satisfy the minimum qualifications if a committee composed of
members from a Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee at the community
college and career technical education faculty at the community college
determines that the person possesses qualifications that are at least equivalent to
any set of minimum qualifications
  o **Status:** AB 2070 was assigned to the Assembly Committee on Higher Education.

- **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.
  o **Status:** SB 923 was assigned to the Senate Education Committee for the April 2, 2014, hearing.

**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.
  o **Status:** AB 1906 passed the Assembly Committee on Higher Education and was sent to the Assembly Committee on Appropriations.

- **AB 2133 (Chavez) School District and Community College District Bonds.** AB 2133 is a spot bill using statute affecting school and community college districts, but the author’s office intends to use the measure for purposes exclusive to K-12 schools.

- **AB 2235 (Buchanan) Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities.** AB 2235 would place the Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2014 on the November 2014 statewide election ballot. AB 2235 provides an unspecified amount of state general obligation bonds to K-12 schools, the California Community Colleges, the University of California, the Hastings College of the Law, and the California State University for construction and modernization of education facilities.
  o **Status:** AB 2235 passed in the Assembly Education Committee and will be heard next in the Assembly Committee on Higher Education.
  o **Position:** Support

- **AB 2626 (Fong) Public Postsecondary Education: Capital Outlay.** AB 2626 makes nonsubstantive changes to existing law that requests the University of California and requires the California State University and the California Community Colleges, to report to the Legislature a comprehensive 5-year capital outlay plan.

**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.

- **Status:** AB 2558 was assigned to the Assembly Committee on Higher Education and is expected to be heard on April 22, 2014.
- **Position:** Sponsor/Support

- **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 regular faculty, contract faculty, and associate faculty.
  - **Status:** AB 2705 was assigned to the Assembly Committee on Higher Education.

- **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.

**FISCAL ISSUES, FUNDING, ETC.**

- **AB 1271 (Bonta) Inmate Education.** AB 1271 waives open course requirements for community college courses offered in state correctional facilities and allows attendance hours generated by credit courses at all correctional facilities to be funded at the full credit rate instead of the noncredit rate. AB 1271 eliminates a disincentive for community colleges to provide credit courses to inmates of correctional institutions.
  - **Position:** Support
  - **Status:** AB 1271 passed the Assembly and was sent to the Senate Education Committee.

- **SB 965 (Leno) San Francisco Community College District: Funding.** SB 965 requires the Board of Governors to provide a community college district with revenues for the 2014-15 fiscal year to the 2017-18 fiscal year, if the district or a campus of the is in imminent jeopardy of losing its accreditation. SB 965 was recently amended to remove the provision that the board of governors has appointed a special trustee to manage the community college district. This amendment is not supported by the Board of Governors. Unless resolved, the Board may reconsider its sponsorship and position on this measure.
  - **Position:** Sponsor/Support
  - **Status:** SB 965 will be heard in the Senate Education Committee on April 23, 2014.

- **SB 1024 (Gaines, T) Community Colleges: Board of Governors.** Current language is spot/placeholder statute and may be amended to address Lake Tahoe Community College District’s interest in providing in-state tuition to students from specified counties in Nevada (SB 1024 is similar in intent to SB 329 from 2013).

- **SB 1391 (Hancock) Inmate Education Programs: Computation.** Current language in SB 1391 is similar to AB 1271 in that it waives open course requirements for community college courses offered in state correctional facilities and allows attendance hours generated by credit courses at all correctional facilities to be funded at the full credit rate instead of the noncredit rate. SB 1391 also requires the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), in collaboration with the Chancellor, to establish the Innovative Career Technical Education Grant Program to provide grants for inmates and parolees to attend career technical education community college classes in state correctional facilities. It provides that funds for this program be allocated to CDCR for this purpose in the 2014-15 Budget Act.
  - **Status:** SB 1391 will be heard in the Senate Education Committee on April 23, 2014.
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. The author’s office is in the process of reviewing possible amendments and changes to the concepts described in the bill.
  
  o **Status:** AB 1348 passed the Assembly last year, and is with the Senate Education Committee, but has not moved forward in 2014.

• **AB 1557 (Holden) Board of Governors.** AB 1557 requires the next Board of Governors vacancy be filled by a veteran who has shown expertise and leadership in veterans’ issues. This is for one of the twelve Board positions that require Senate confirmation, and for the next vacancy after the bill is enacted. AB 1557 also adds two student members, one voting and one nonvoting, who are members or former member of the Armed Forces of the United States.
  
  o **Status:** AB 1557 passed the Assembly Committee on Higher Education and the Assembly Appropriations Committee and will be sent to the Assembly Floor.

• **AB 1942 (Bonta) Community Colleges: Accreditation.** AB 1942 requires the Board of Governors to adopt minimum conditions that meet specified requirements and in developing these conditions the Board seeks and considers input from community college districts and related institutions, students, and academic and nonacademic employees. AB 1942 authorizes the governing board of a community college district to designate a federally recognized accrediting agency for community colleges within its jurisdiction. The bill requires the accrediting agency to base its accreditation decision on compliance with the minimum conditions specified by the Board of Governors. AB 1942 also requires the selected accrediting agency to comply with the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act and California Public Records Act.
  
  o **Status:** AB 1942 was assigned to the Assembly Committee on Higher Education.

• **AB 2087 (Ammiano) Board of Governors of Community Colleges.** AB 2087 removes the authority of the Board of Governors to assign a special trustee with extraordinary authority by prohibiting the Board from usurping, transferring, or limiting, in any way, the powers of the governing boards of these districts when providing assistance to community college districts that encounter severe management difficulties.
  
  o **Status:** AB 2087 will be heard in the Assembly Committee on Higher Education on April 22, 2014.

• **AB 2092 (Chavez) Donahoe Higher Education Act.** AB 2092 is a spot bill using statute from the Donahoe Higher Education Act. The author’s office intends to use this measure for another purpose affecting the California State University system.

• **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.
  
  o **Status:** AB 2247 was assigned to the Assembly Committee on Higher Education.

• **AB 2481 (Bradford) Higher Education Assessment Act of 1990.** AB 2481 is a spot/placeholder bill that makes minor changes in the Higher Education Assessment Act of 1990.
• **AB 2709 (Muratsuchi) Community Colleges.** AB 2709 is a spot bill, and the author’s office does not have plans at this time for this measure.

• **SB 1068 (Beall) Board of Governors of the California Community College.** SB 1068 uses spot/placeholer statute, but according to the author’s office, it will be amended to address the following concepts:
  - Accrediting agencies wishing to implement new policies and/or procedures that have state costs must first seek approval by the State Legislature.
  - Campus evaluation reports conducted during the accreditation process would be subject to the Public Records Act.
  - Accrediting agencies would be prohibited from charging costs, such as attorney fees, that are unrelated to the accreditation process.
  - Provide community colleges an option to choose any community college or 4-year accrediting agency approved by the US Department of Education.

• **SB 1196 (Liu) Public Postsecondary Education.** SB 1196 requires the California Community Colleges, the CSU, and the UC system to develop and adopt a five year plan for making progress toward the three statewide higher education goals specified in last year’s SB 195 (Liu) which was signed into law. These goals are: 1) to improve student access and success; 2) to better align degrees and credentials with the state’s needs; and 3) to ensure the effective and efficient use of resources to increase educational outcomes and maintain affordability.
  - **Status:** SB 1196 will be heard in the Senate Education Committee on April 23, 2014.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

• **AB 1969 (Levine) Intersegmental Coordination of Technology and Data.** AB 1969 specifies legislative intent that the three segments of public higher education coordinate efforts when investing in new technologies to improve coordination, leverage purchasing power, and ease the transfer process. It requires the segments to coordinate efforts when purchasing technology and software for student support services. 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 was assigned to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

**NURSING**

• **AB 548 (Salas) Nursing Programs: Community Colleges.** AB 548 deletes the sunset provision in Education Code Section 78261.5 of January 1, 2016. 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 passed the Assembly and was assigned to the Senate Education Committee.

**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 was assigned to the Assembly Committee on Human Services.
• **AB 1762 (Quirk-Silva) Community Colleges: Seymour-Campbell Student Success Act of 2012.** AB 1762 is a spot bill and the author’s office does not plan to address community colleges with this bill.

• **AB 1977 (Hernandez R) Student Academic Preparation, Educational Partnerships.** AB 1977 would appropriate $82,243,000.00 from the General Fund to the Regents of the University of California for support of the Student Academic Preparation and Educational Partnerships (SAPEP) program. Recent amendments to the bill removed a provision that would have granted priority enrollment to SAPEP participants enrolled in college courses necessary to meet program goals. These programs include Puente, MESA (Mathematics, Engineering, and Science Achievement), EAOP (Early Academic Outreach Program).
  - **Status:** AB 1977 passed the Assembly Committee on Higher Education and is scheduled to be heard in the Assembly Committee on Appropriations on April 9, 2014.

• **AB 2548 (Ting) Postsecondary Education.** AB 2548 states the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would encourage more students to pursue higher education.

• **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. Requires these boards to adopt certain sexual assault policies and protocols.
  - **Status:** SB 967 was heard by the Senate Appropriations Committee and placed in the Suspense File.

• **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 Senate Education Committee and will be heard in the Senate Human Services 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 assigned to the Senate Education Committee.

• **SB 1400 (Hancock) Community Colleges: Expulsions.** SB 1400 authorizes the governing board of a community college to expel a student if good cause for the issuance of an order protecting a campus of the district, or any person regularly present on a campus of the district, is issued by a court against the student after an evidentiary hearing.
  - **Status:** SB 1400 was assigned to the Senate Education Committee.

**TUITION, FEES, FINANCIAL AID**

• **AB 1456 (Jones-Sawyer) Tuition Fees Pilot Program.** AB 1456 requires the California Student Aid Commission, the Trustees of the California State University, and the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, and requests the Regents of the University of California to conduct a study of the effects of enacting a Pay it Forward, Pay it Back Pilot Program to replace
the current system of charging students upfront tuition and fees, including for room and board, for enrollment at public institutions of higher education.

- **Status:** AB 1456 passed in the Assembly Committee on Higher Education on March 18 with a vote of 8-1, and was sent to the Assembly Committee on Appropriations.

- **AB 1538 (Eggman) Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant Program.** AB 1538 authorizes the California Student Aid Commission to deem a qualifying institution eligible for Cal Grant awards even though the default rate exceeds the statutory threshold for Cal Grant eligibility, provided that the institution satisfies specified conditions.
  - **Status:** AB 1538 passed the Assembly Committee on Higher Education and is scheduled to be heard in the Assembly Committee on Appropriations on April 9, 2014.

- **AB 1862 (Melendez) Postsecondary Education: Financial Aid.** AB 1862 deletes the sunset date of the California National Guard Education Assistance Award Program.

- **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.
  - **Status:** AB 1976 passed the Assembly Committee on Higher Education and is scheduled to be heard in the Assembly Committee on Appropriations on April 9, 2014.
  - **Position:** Support

- **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 high school credits 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 is assigned to the Assembly Committee on Higher Education.

- **AB 2103 (Gomez) Student Fees.** AB 2103 decreases all California Community College unit fees from $46 to $44.
  - **Status:** AB 2103 is assigned to the Assembly Committee on Higher Education.

- **AB 2160 (Ting) Postsecondary Education: Financial Aid.** AB 2160 requires high schools in California to electronically submit student grade point average verification of all graduating high school seniors and all other Cal Grant A and B applicants to the California Student Aid Commission.
  - **Status:** AB 2160 was heard in the Assembly Committee on Higher Education and is being amended. It is re-scheduled for hearing in the Assembly Higher Education Committee on April 29, 2014.

- **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. The US Selective Service System has received thousands of letters from students in California who were unaware of their obligation to register for Selective Service until they were denied financial aid for college expenses. California loses an estimated $100 million in lost student financial aid, job training and employment based on letters sent to the US Selective Service System. The US Selective Service System is providing $200,000 to the Department of Motor Vehicles to cover the costs of implementing this system. The Chancellor's Office supported a similar bill in 2011 because of the
loss of financial aid to our students, but that measure did not include funding from the US Selective Service System and was held in the Appropriations Committee.

- **Status:** AB 2201 will be heard in the Assembly Transportation Committee on April 21, 2014.
- **Position:** Support

- **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:** AB 2445 was assigned to the Assembly Committee on Higher Education.

- **AB 2486 (Gomez) Public Postsecondary Education.** AB 2486 makes nonsubstantive changes to statute that provides that a student who is a victim of trafficking, domestic violence, and other serious crimes and was granted a T or U visa, is exempt from paying nonresident tuition under specified conditions to the same extent as refugees admitted to the United States.
  - **Status:** AB 2486 is assigned to the Assembly Committee on Higher Education.

- **AB 2566 (Weber) Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant Program.** AB 2566 extends the period of eligibility for an additional year to apply for the Cal Grant A and B Entitlement programs.
  - **Status:** AB 2566 is scheduled to be heard in the Assembly Committee on Higher Education on April 29, 2014.

- **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 (CSAC), and requires the CSAC 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.
  - **Status:** SB 174 passed the Senate and was sent to the Assembly.

- **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.
  - **Status:** SB 798 passed the Senate and was sent to the Assembly.

- **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:** SB 845 passed the Senate Committee on Education and is assigned to the Senate Committee on Banking and Financial Institutions.

- **SB 1028 (Jackson) Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant C Awards.** SB 1028 requires that a minimum of 2,500 Cal Grant C awards be reserved for California's "long-term unemployed" and increases Cal Grant C annual awards to a minimum of $3,009 up to $5000 if funds are available. The bill permits students to use Cal Grant C awards for living expenses. The bill also authorizes the use of different criteria for awarding the reserved awards and establishes new criteria and processes for identifying areas of occupational and workforce training which qualify for Cal Grant C awards.
• **Status:** SB 1028 was heard in the Senate Committee on Education and is being amended. It was re-scheduled for hearing in the Senate Committee on Education on April 23, 2014.

**SB 1149 (Galgiani) Cal Grant Program and Renewal Awards.** SB 1149 makes a recipient again eligible to renew a Cal Grant award, without reduction, if the student was enrolled in an institution ineligible for reasons specified in the bill during the last academic year before the institution became ineligible.

• **Status:** SB 1149 was assigned to the Senate Committee on Education.

**VETERANS**

• **SB 1330 (Hueso) Public Postsecondary Education: Yellow Ribbon Program.** SB 1330 establishes the California Yellow Ribbon Matching Fund for the purposes of paying a portion of a student's nonresident tuition, for student veterans enrolled at the California Community Colleges, the California State University, or University of California. Chancellor's Office staff note that the Yellow Ribbon program assists student veterans attending higher education institutions who would pay tuition and fees above the state’s highest public education undergraduate tuition (currently at approximately $18,000/yr). A number of California private colleges, as well as University of California graduate programs are currently participants in the Yellow Ribbon program. Because of the parameters of the program, community college student veterans would not benefit from their institution’s participation.

• **Status:** SB 1330 was assigned to the Senate Committee on Education.

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