OVERVIEW

The Governor finished his work by today’s deadline, September 30, 2014, to sign or veto all bills in his possession. The official adjournment of the regular, two-year session known as “sine die” is at midnight on November 30, 2014, and the 2015-2016 two-year session convenes on December 1, 2014. Except for urgency measures, legislation signed by the Governor and chaptered into law becomes effective on January 1, 2015. The Budget Act and the budget trailer bills are urgency measures, and in our top priority level “tier 1,” AB 13 (Conway), SB 174 (De León) and SB 798 (De León) are urgency measures. Of note is that although the Governor signed AB 1476 (Committee on the Budget), a budget bill that makes technical changes to the Budget Act, he line-item vetoed $100 million in funding for the University of California and the California State University that would have been added to those systems’ budgets for the current fiscal year.

Please find the attached legislative matrix which lists bills in priority order. Bills that failed deadlines are listed separately within each tier, and are in red, including bills that were “held” in committee. 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, etc.

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.
  o Position: Sponsor/Support
  o Status: AB 1451 was “held” in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

• 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 was “held” in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

• 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 the Legislative Analyst’s Office in 2018 and 2022.

- **Position:** Support
- **Status:** Chaptered.

- **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.
  - **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:** Chaptered.

- **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:** Chaptered.

**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:** Chaptered. Concurrent Resolutions do not need action by the Governor.

- **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 was sent to the Governor.

**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:** Chaptered.

- **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. Although AB 2235 passed both houses, the Governor signaled that he would not sign the bill.
  - **Position:** Support
  - **Status:** AB 2235 was sent to the Senate floor, but was placed on the inactive file and was not voted on the Senate floor. AB 2235 “failed” in the 2014 session.

**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:** Chaptered.

- **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.
  - **Position:** Support
  - **Status:** Chaptered.
GOVERNANCE

• **AB 1348 (Pérez, J) Postsecondary Education: California Higher Education Authority.** AB 1348 would repeal statutes establishing the duties of California Postsecondary Education Commission (CPEC) and establish the California Higher Education Authority, as the replacement for CPEC.
  
  o **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.”
  
  o **Status:** Chaptered.

• **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.
  
  o **Status:** Chaptered.

• **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.
  
  o **Status:** Chaptered.

• **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 to make final accreditation documents available to the public via the institution's website.
  
  o **Status:** Chaptered.

• **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.
  
  o **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.
  
  o **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 “large scale” purchases related to technology and software to enhance student achievement. 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**: Vetoed.

**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. Multicriteria is designed to allow for a diverse field of candidates while improving the chances for successful completion in community college nursing programs and improving the passing rate for the nursing licensing exam.
  - **Status**: Chaptered.

- **AB 1446 (Mullin) Designation of Voter Registration Entities.** AB 1446 provides additional protections for the use of online voter registration information. AB 1446 also eliminates certain requirements in the Elections Code under Student Voter Registration that were found to be ineffective and costly by the Secretary of State's Office. This includes the deletion of sections that require every high school, community college and California State University campus to provide voter registration forms for the number of students enrolled who are of voting age or will be of voting age by the end of the year. AB 1446 also deletes requirements that colleges must permit students during class registration to elect to receive a voter registration form that is preprinted with personal information relevant to voter registration. In its place, AB 1446 requires the school to permit students, during class registration, to apply to register to vote online by submitting an affidavit of voter registration electronically through Secretary of State's website.
  - **Status**: Chaptered.

**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**: Chaptered.

- **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.
  - **Position**: Support
  - **Status**: Chaptered.
• **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.
  
  o **Position:** Support
  
  o **Status:** Chaptered.

• **SB 1369 (Block) Community Colleges: Disability Services Program.** SB 1369 renames the provision of services to community college students with disabilities as the Disability Services Program and makes program modifications. These modifications included changing the purpose of program funds, funding priorities and evaluation requirements of the Chancellor's Office.
  
  o **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.
  
  o **Status:** Chaptered.

**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.
  
  o **Status:** AB 1285 was “held” in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

• **AB 1976 (Quirk-Silva) Student Financial Aid.** AB 1976 (Quirk-Silva) requires the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) to utilize a new formula for calculating the annual “take rate” of 22,500 competitive awards per year, and authorizes CSAC to exceed the 22,500 award limit, under specified conditions.
  
  o **Position:** Support
  
  o **Status:** Vetoed.

• **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.
  
  o **Position:** Support
  
  o **Status:** Chaptered.

• **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.
  o Position: Support
  o Status: Chaptered.

- **AB 2201 (Chavez) US Selective Service: Financial Aid Ineligibility.** AB 2201 establishes a program funded by the US Selective Service through the Department of Motor Vehicles to register males between 18 and 26 years old for Selective Service. This includes registration as a conscientious objector. Failure to register violates federal law and results in fines and the loss of government benefits including Pell Grants, federal employment and services, etc. 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.
  o Position: Support
  o 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.
  o 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.
  o Position: Support
  o Status: Chaptered.

- **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.
  o Position: Support
  o 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.
  o Position: Support
  o Status: Chaptered.
VETERANS

- **AB 13 (Conway) Nonresident Tuition Exemption: Veterans.** AB 13 requires community colleges, the California State University, and the University of California to update and adopt policies to conform to the new federal law, the Veterans' Access, Choice and Accountability Act of 2014. Policies must be updated by July 1, 2015, the effective date for the section of the new law on veterans’ education benefits. Although the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 does not address residency, the effect of the federal law is that veterans who are using their GI Bill will pay in state tuition regardless of their state of residency.
  - **Position:** Support
  - **Status:** Chaptered.

- **AB 2099 (Frazier) Title 38 Awards: Veteran’s Education Benefits.** AB 2099 establishes minimum requirements for postsecondary institutions approved by the California State Approving Agency for Veterans Education (CSAAVE) to participate in federal veteran's education benefits (Title 38). To receive Title 38 funds, institutions are required to provide information on where to access California license examination passage rates, certify that the degree-granting institution is accredited by an organization recognized by the US Department of Education. Institutions in preaccreditation status must provide evident of candidacy and status. AB 2099 tightens requirements that colleges must meet in order to be approved by CSAAVE to enroll Title 38 recipients. The bill seeks to provide protection for veterans from unscrupulous colleges that often leave students with high debt and without a degree or certificate of value.
  - **Status:** Chaptered.

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