OVERVIEW

The Legislature was sworn in on December 1, 2014, and promptly recessed until January 5, 2015. A relatively small number of bills were introduced, but many more are expected by the February 27, 2015, deadline. Of the bills introduced in December 2014 for the 2015-2016 legislative session, approximately 16 measures affect community colleges. History tells us that by the bill introduction deadline we should see between 150 and 200 bills addressing community college issues.

Please find the attached legislative matrix which lists bills in priority order. 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.

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. Requires the net proceeds of other bonds to be made available to fund construction of school facilities for K-12 and higher education.
  - Status: Introduced

GOVERNANCE
- **AB 38 (Eggman) California State University: Stockton Campus.** AB 38 requires the Legislative Analyst's Office to conduct a study and report to the Legislature on the feasibility of establishing an independent campus of the California State University in Stockton.
  - Status: Introduced

- **SB 42 (Liu) Commission on Higher Education Performance.** SB 42 would change the composition of and renames the California Postsecondary Education Commission to the California Commission on Higher Education Performance and Accountability. Recasts and revises its various functions and responsibilities. Deletes obsolete provisions of, and makes numerous nonsubstantive changes to, existing law.
  - 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: Introduced

MISCELLANEOUS
- **AB 12 (Cooley) State Government: Administrative Regulations: Review.** AB 12 requires each state agency after a noticed public hearing, to review and revise that agency's regulations to eliminate any inconsistencies, overlaps, or outdated provisions in the regulations, to adopt the revisions as emergency regulations, and report the Legislature and Governor.

o Status: Introduced

- **AB 30 (Alejo) Schools or Athletic Team Names: Racial Mascots Act**. AB 30 would establish the Racial Mascots Act, which prohibits public schools from using the term Redskins as a school or athletic team name, mascot, or nickname, subject to specified exceptions. Provides that this prohibition may not be waived by the State Board of Education.
  o Status: Introduced

- **AB 19 (Chang) State Government: Regulations**. AB 19 requires state agencies and departments to review existing regulations for relevance, redundancy, and impact on the business community.
  o Status: Introduced

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.
  o 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.
  o Status: Introduced

- **SB 23 (Mitchell) CalWORKs: Eligibility.** SB 23 would repeal an exclusion for purposes of determining a family's maximum aid payment under the CalWORKs Program. Prohibits a denial of aid or the denial of an increase in the maximum aid payment, if a child, on whose behalf aid or an increase in aid is being requested, was born into an applicant's or recipient's family while the applicant's or recipient's family was receiving aid under the program.
  o Status: Introduced

TUITION, FEES, FINANCIAL AID
- **AB 17 (Bonilla) Personal Income Tax: Credit: Qualified Tuition Program**. AB 17 allows a credit in the amount of 20 percent of the monetary contributions made to a qualified tuition program by a qualified taxpayer. AB 17 is similar to last year's AB 1956 (Bonilla) which was held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.
  o Status: Introduced

- **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.
  o Status: Introduced

- **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.
  - o   Status: Introduced

- **SB 15 (Block) Postsecondary Education.** SB 15 would increase the total number of Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards granted annually and increases the maximum tuition award amount for Cal Grant A and B for students at private nonprofit postsecondary schools for the 2015-16 award year and each award year thereafter. Establishes the Competitive Incentive Grant Award to provide students with financial need attending a campus of the CSU with additional financial aid.
  - o   Status: Introduced

VETERANS
- **AB 13 (Chavez) Public Postsecondary Education.** AB 13 exempts nonresident students enrolled at a community college using Federal GI bill education benefits to cover the costs associated with enrollment as a community college student. Authorizes community college districts to report students exempted from nonresident tuition for purposes of calculating apportionments to those districts.
  - o   Status: Introduced

- **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
  - o   Status: Introduced

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