



# Digest

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CONSULTATION

**Title:** Stand-Alone Credit Courses

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## Issue

This item is a first read and request for approval to reinstate the California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 55100 *Course Approval*. The purpose of the reinstatement of this regulation is to authorize community college districts to locally approve credit courses that offer nondegree applicable credit courses and degree applicable credit courses that are not part of an approved educational program (commonly known as "stand-alone" courses) without separate approval by the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges. The reinstatement of stand-alone courses allows community college districts an opportunity to develop credit courses that respond to emerging community needs in a timely manner.

## Background

Assembly Bill 1943 (1995-96 Reg. Sess.) signed by Governor Schwarzenegger on September 30, 2006, (AB 1943) amended California Education Code (CEC), sections 70901 and 70902. AB 1943 allowed California community college districts to offer credit courses that are not part of an approved educational program without prior approval by the Board of Governors. These courses are commonly referred to as "stand-alone credit courses." The provision was effective Fall 2007 through December 31, 2012, and also required the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office to submit a report to the Legislature by January 1, 2012. In 2011, CEC sections 70901 and 70902 were amended by AB 1029, which extended the delegated authority for a period of one year.

## Recommended

The Consultation Council is asked to forward this proposal to the Board of Governors.

Attachment