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**Title:** Policy and Advocacy Update

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## ISSUE

The Chancellor's Office Division of Governmental Relations will provide information on policy and advocacy activities.

## BACKGROUND

The Governmental Relations Division is seeking feedback on specific pending state legislation.

## FEEDBACK/QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL

The Chancellor’s Office is seeking feedback on the following bills:

**AB 2477 (Rubio) Student support services: Dream Resource Liaisons.** AB 2477 would require the California Community Colleges and the California State University, and request the University of California, beginning in Fall 2019, to designate on each campus a Dream Resource Liaison who is knowledgeable in financial aid, support services, and academic opportunities for all students, including undocumented students. The bill would also encourage the establishment of Dream Resource Centers and authorize governing boards to accept private funds to establish and operate Dream Resource Centers.

Status: Passed the Assembly Higher Education Committee (11-1). Referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee and placed on suspense file.

Comments: The Chancellor’s Office is committed to ensuring that undocumented students have access to the services and programs necessary to ensure completion of their educational goals.

Recommended Position: Support.

**SB 972 (Portantino) Student ID cards: suicide prevention hotline telephone number.** Beginning July 1, 2019, SB 972 would require campuses of the California Community Colleges and the California State University, and request campuses of the University of California, that

issue student identification cards to have printed on either side of the identification card the number for a suicide prevention hotline or crisis text line, or both. The bill would also apply to private colleges, and public and private schools that serve students in grades 7 to 12.

Status: Passed Senate (36-0) and referred to Assembly Education Committee.

Comments: This bill will provide easily accessible suicide intervention hotline information directly to students in a low cost and efficient manner.

Recommended Position: Support.

**AB 2248 (McCarty) Cal Grant Program: student financial aid.** AB 2248 would require the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) and higher education institutions awarding Cal Grants to notify students of the four-year limit for Cal Grant awards and the need to take 15 units per semester or 30 units per year in order to complete a degree in four years. The bill would require notification to occur as part of an initial or renewal of a Cal Grant award, a new student orientation, and a financial aid recipient's annual registration.

Status: Passed Assembly Higher Education Committee (12-0) and sent to Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Comments: The bill would help further time to completion programs at community colleges by reinforcing student awareness of the minimum number of 15 units per semester required to complete a degree in four years.

Recommended Position: Support.

**AB 1786 (Cervantes) Academic credit for prior learning.** AB 1786 would require the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO), by March 31, 2019, to establish an initiative to identify and expand the use of best practices of credit for prior learning in the California Community Colleges and report to the Legislature by January 1, 2020.

Status: Passed Assembly High Education Committee (13-0) and sent to Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Comments: The Foundation for California Community Colleges has secured a \$1 million grant from the Lumina Foundation to develop the infrastructure and resources needed to improve credit for prior learning in general not just for military courses. Additionally, Saddleback College received an Innovation Award to work on this issue with the expectation that it can be eventually be used across the system. AB 1787 aligns and fosters existing efforts within the community colleges system. The Chancellor's Office is also reviewing SB 1071 (Newman), currently pending in the Senate Appropriations Committee, which would require the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, in collaboration with the Academic Senate for the California Community Colleges, to develop a uniform policy to award military personnel and veterans with course credit for prior military education, training and service. The bill would also require community college districts to adopt and implement the uniform policy.

Recommended Position: Support

**SB 1224 (Glazer) Statewide longitudinal education and workforce data system.** AB 1124 would require the California Department of Education, California Community Colleges Chancellors Office (CCCCO), and the California State University (CSU), and request the University of California (UC), to establish a data collection system to track student data from enrollment in kindergarten through public postsecondary education and into the workforce.

Status: Passed the Senate Education Committee (6-0). Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee and placed on suspense file.

Comment: While this bill would further align and support educational data collection and data-driven decision making and program planning across California's K through 12 and post-secondary educational systems, the proposal is largely in "spot" form and requires additional detail prior to the Chancellor's Office taking a formal position. The Chancellor's Office will continue to work with the segments and the author's office.

Recommended Position: Watch.

**SB 1348 (Pan) Postsecondary Education: Health Professional Program.** SB 1348 would require the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) to include information on clinical placements in annual educational outcome reports.

Status: Passed the Senate Education Committee (5-1). Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee and placed on the suspense file.

Comments: This bill responds to concerns about the loss of clinical placements for allied health programs in California Community Colleges. The bill aims to gather data to inform policy development around ensuring community colleges have sufficient clinical placements. SEIU-UHW, the sponsors of this bill, argue that the information required to be collected will provide a clearer picture of the issue.

Recommended Position: Provide ongoing technical assistance regarding reporting requirements for CCCs with goal of supporting the bill if workload costs can be minimized.