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1. BOG SPONSORED LEGISLATION

[AB 386\(Ruskin\)](#) Public postsecondary education: instructional materials: disabled students.
Location: 04/13/2009-A HIGHER ED.

Summary: AB 386 clarifies that publishers of audiovisual instructional materials for colleges and universities must provide captioning or other alterations to make these materials accessible to students with disabilities. This bill addresses a gap in current law that creates a conflict between copyright and equal access provisions in statute. This bill requires publishers to respond in a reasonable time period to requests for captioning of audiovisual material. If a community college does not receive a response from a publisher, this bill allows the college to provide closed captioning of the material in a timely manner so that it will be accessible to students with disabilities.

[AB 669\(Fong\)](#) Postsecondary education: residency requirements.
Location: 03/23/2009-A HIGHER ED.

Summary: This bill makes it easier for former foster youth to establish residency for purposes of attending college, paying in-state tuition, and applying for financial aid. This bill would allow former foster youth to maintain the California residency status they had as a minor until the time they can establish residency on their own. For purposes of applying to college and determining whether the student is eligible for in-state tuition, it takes one year and one day (19 years of age) before a student can establish his or her own residency. Until that time the student's residency is based on that of his or her parents. For foster youth this gap represents a problem, because as wards of the State of California, they may or may not be in contact with their biological parents or their biological parents may no longer reside in California.

2. ALLIED HEALTH CARE/NURSING

[AB 492\(Conway\)](#) Community colleges: nursing faculty.
Location: 03/12/2009-A HIGHER ED.

Summary: AB 492 would revise the part-time faculty exception to authorize the employment of a clinical nursing faculty member as a temporary faculty member for up to the total number of semesters or quarters within any period of three consecutive academic years. The bill would also delete the hiring limitation that prevents an increase in the ratio of part-time to full-time nursing faculty in a district.

[AB 867\(Nava\)](#) California State University: Doctor of Nursing Practice degree.
Location: 03/26/2009-A HIGHER ED.

Summary: AB 867 authorizes the California State University to award the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree. The bill would distinguish the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree from research-based doctoral degrees offered at the University of California. The bill would require the programs to be designed to enable professionals to earn the degree while working full time, train nurses for advanced practice, and prepare faculty to teach in postsecondary nursing programs. This bill contains other related provisions.

[AB 1215\(De La Torre\)](#) Community colleges: temporary and part-time faculty.
Location: 03/31/2009-A HIGHER ED.

Summary: AB 1215 addresses the conflict created with the passage of legislation that affected the 60% law. AB 1215 would authorize the governing board of a district to employ as a



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temporary faculty, as specified, a person serving as part-time clinical nursing faculty teaching 67% or more of the hours per week considered a full-time assignment.

[AB 1295\(Fuller\)](#) Postsecondary education: nursing degree programs.

Location: 04/13/2009-A HIGHER ED.

Summary: AB 1295 streamlines the transfer pathway for community college students who earn their associate degree in nursing (ADN), are licensed as a registered nurse and who apply to a California State University to complete a bachelor of science in nursing (BSN). This bill seeks to reduce unnecessary coursework and duplication and to create a more efficient ADN to BSN transfer pathway.

[AB 1455\(Hill\)](#) Community colleges: baccalaureate degrees: pilot program.

Location: 04/13/2009-A HIGHER ED.

Summary: AB 1455 allows community colleges to establish a bachelor's degree pilot program in their district if the college meets specified criteria. The pilot program expires six years after the first bachelor's degree program is offered. This bill requires the Chancellor's Office, Legislative Analyst, and Department of Finance to jointly evaluate the CCC bachelor's degree program pilots and submit a report to the Governor and Legislature on January 1, 2016.

The bachelor's degree pilot program criteria include:

- Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) accredited
- Have the same service area boundary as the county where the college is located
- Not be near an existing CSU or UC campus
- Have an existing working relationship with CSU or UC through a university center, jointly administered program, or shared facilities
- Bachelor's degree may be offered in different fields
- Workforce needs documented
- Not duplicate existing public postsecondary bachelor's degree programs in service areas
- Demonstrate capacity to offer bachelor's degrees

AB 1455 allows participating districts to charge higher fees for a bachelor's degree (but not greater than CSU). This bill includes a "right of refusal" provision, which would allow CSU or UC the option of offering the bachelor's degree; if the UC or CSU chooses not to, the local community college can do so. There are concerns about funding given that colleges are overenrolled and underfunded at present. The bill may be premature, and to go through WASC accreditation, etc., may mean that it would take a while for any college to open its doors for a bachelor's degree program.

[SB 182\(Ashburn\)](#) Community college nursing faculty.

Location: 03/09/2009-S ED.

Summary: SB 182 deletes an Education Code provision that currently exempts the employment of temporary clinical nursing faculty from being limited to only two semesters or three quarters within three consecutive years. This bill also deletes a provision in law that allows full-time clinical nursing faculty or part-time clinical nursing faculty teaching more 60% or more hours per week to be employed by a district for up to four semesters or six quarters within any period of three consecutive academic years. The goal of this bill is to delete any statutory limits on the employment of full-time or part-time clinical nursing faculty. SB 182 also removes the hours of credit instruction provided by part-time and full-time clinical nursing faculty from a district's calculation of its full-time and part-time faculty ratio.



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3. GREEN TECHNOLOGY/CAREER TECHNICAL

[AB 3](#)(V. Manuel Perez) Workforce development: Renewable Energy Workforce Readiness Initiative.

Location: 04/13/2009-A U. & C.

Summary: This bill would establish a Renewable Energy Workforce Readiness Initiative to ensure green collar career placement and advancement opportunities within California's renewable energy manufacturing, construction, installation, maintenance, and operation sectors that is targeted towards specified populations. The initiative would award training grants, on a competitive basis, to implement and operate renewable energy worker training and education programs in the state. Funding for the measure is not specified, however, the author intend to use public and private funds.

[AB 380](#)(De La Torre) California Clean Energy Curriculum and Training Initiative of 2009.

Location: 04/14/2009-A L.& E.

Summary: AB 380 requires the Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development Agency (LWDA) to create the California Clean Energy Curriculum and Training Initiative of 2009 that will establish a standardized curriculum for clean energy job training programs. The author states that this model curriculum will be offered by high schools, technical schools, colleges, private institutions, and non-profit organizations to educate a new generation workers pursuing careers in clean energy. However, AB 380 does not require the curriculum to be utilized by those institutions.

[AB 552](#)(Furutani) California Community Colleges: career technical and vocational education: financing.

Location: 04/01/2009-A APPR.

Summary: This bill would establish the Commission on Adequate Funding for Career Technical and Vocational Education at the California Community Colleges, which would be required to conduct a study and make recommendations regarding financing alternatives for career technical education, vocational education, and high-cost laboratory programs at the California Community Colleges. The bill would require the commission to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Legislature and the Governor on or before July 1, 2011. The bill would provide for the collection of private donations and the expenditure of those moneys, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for the support of the commission.

[AB 699](#)(Portantino) Economic development.

Location: 02/26/2009-A J., E.D. & E.

Summary: AB 699 requires the California Economic Strategy Panel under the leadership of the Secretaries of Labor and Workforce Development; Business, Transportation, and Housing; and Food and Agriculture to prepare reports to the Governor and Legislature by October 1, 2010, on a recommended economic strategy for California. The bill states that development of the plan will be funded from private donations. Among other activities, the panel shall prepare the California Economic Development Strategic Plan. The secretary, working in collaboration with the Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing, and the Secretary of Food and Agriculture, shall lead the preparation of the plan and invite an array of business, labor, local government, the University of California, the California State University, private universities,



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the California Community Colleges, etc., to provide advice on economic development issues and to contribute to the preparation of the recommended economic strategy.

[AB 1394\(Bass\)](#) California Workforce Investment Board: Green Collar Jobs Council.

Location: 03/31/2009-A L. & E.

Summary: AB 1394 authorizes the Green Collar Jobs Council (GCJC) to accept any revenues, moneys, grants, goods, or services from federal and state governmental entities, local philanthropic organizations, and other sources, to be used for purposes relating to the administration and implementation of the strategic initiative. The bill would require the GCJC to confer with appropriate state and local agencies to coordinate the award of specified federal grant funds and green workforce training funds received by the state, and to make a finding that a proposed program or expenditure is consistent with the purposes of the above-described initiative, prior to authorizing the expenditure of funds made available to the state pursuant to the Federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

[SB 675\(Steinberg\)](#) Energy job training: Clean Technology and Renewable Energy Job Training, Career Technical Education, and Dropout Prevention Act of 2010.

Location: 04/13/2009-S B., P. & E.D.

Summary: SB 675 would enact the Clean Technology and Renewable Energy Job Training, Career Technical Education, and Dropout Prevention Act of 2010. SB 675 would provide funds to qualifying entities for construction or reconfiguring facilities to provide program participants with skills and knowledge necessary for successful employment related to clean technology, renewable energy, or energy efficiency. SB 675 would create the Clean Technology and Renewable Energy Job Training, Career Technical Education, and Dropout Prevention Council comprised of nine Members including the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges.

4. TEXTBOOKS

[AB 317\(Solorio\)](#) Postsecondary education: college textbooks.

Location: 04/13/2009-A HIGHER ED.

Summary: Now a two year bill, AB 317 would require each faculty member or academic department that selects course materials, and each campus bookstore at a public postsecondary educational institution, to provide the Internet address of a college open textbook Internet Web site, as defined. Because this bill would impose new duties on community college districts, the bill would constitute a state-mandated local program. AB 317 would amend the College Textbook Transparency Act from 2007 (AB 1548) to require bookstores at public postsecondary institution and an "adopter" of an institution of higher education to post the website www.collegeopentextbooks.org on various materials.

[SB 48\(Alquist\)](#) College textbooks: electronic versions.

Location: 03/26/2009-S ED.

Summary: SB 48 requires all textbook publishers to make any textbook sold at a public higher education institution available in electronic format with identical content, at equal or lesser price, by January 1st, 2020.



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[SB 216\(Liu\)](#) Public postsecondary education: textbooks.
Location: 04/02/2009-S ED.

Summary: SB 216 requires that the CSU's and CCC's post a list of required textbooks and relevant information including the cost of each textbook, on the college's Web site no less than 30 days before the first day of class. It also adds to the list of cost reduction practices that the Board of Governors shall, through the Academic Senate, encourage faculty to use when selecting a textbook.

[SB 386\(Runner\)](#) Postsecondary education: textbooks.
Location: 03/12/2009-S ED.

Summary: SB 386 requires that the CSU and CCC faculty, if they have adopted a new textbook within three years of the previous adoption, to complete an analysis that contains the following:

- 1) A justification for changing the textbook.
- 2) A comparison of the differences between the new and old editions of the textbook.
- 3) Disclosure of any financial interest relating to the new textbook.

The analysis would be submitted to the Academic Senate, student government, and administration.

5. TRANSFER AND ARTICULATION

[AB 440\(Beall\)](#) California Community Colleges: student transfer.
Location: 03/17/2009-A HIGHER ED.

Summary: This bill establishes the College Student Success Act that authorizes a community college district to grant an associate in arts degree in transfer students or an associate in arts degree in an equivalent program to a student meeting both of the following requirements:

- Completes a minimum of 60 semester units;
- Meets the minimum requirements for transfer to a campus of the California State University or the University of California.

The bill further requires that a degree granted pursuant to this measure recognize the completion of lower division general education requirements. The bill also specifies that a degree granted pursuant to this article does not guarantee admission to any institution.

6. VETERANS

[SB 361\(Runner\)](#) Public postsecondary education: priority registration: Armed Forces and State Military Reserve service.
Location: 04/13/2009-S V. A.

Summary: SB 361 makes a change to existing Education Code that grants priority registration for former members of the Armed Forces in the enrollment at California State University and the California Community Colleges. SB 361 limits priority enrollment for former members of the Armed Forces to those who were honorably discharged and extends the benefit to the National Guard.

[SB 611\(Correa\)](#) Student financial aid: Cal Grant A entitlement awards: veterans.
Location: 03/19/2009-S V. A.



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Summary: As introduced, SB 611 makes a change to existing code Section 69434 of the Education Code, which authorizes the uses of the Cal Grant A entitlement, allowing college veterans to use the Cal Grant A entitlement award for access costs that include living expenses, transportation, supplies, and books.

[SB 646\(Denham\)](#) Student financial aid: veterans and dependents.
Location: 03/19/2009-S V. A.

Summary: This bill would enact the Golden State GI Bill of Rights for Higher Education which would prohibit any campus of the University of California, the California State University, or the California Community Colleges from charging mandatory systemwide tuition or fees, including enrollment fees, or incidental fees to a California resident who is an undergraduate or graduate student and a honorably discharged military veteran.

[SB 815\(Cogdill\)](#) Student financial aid program: California National Guard Education Assistance Award Program.
Location: 04/02/2009-S ED.

Summary: SB 815 creates a state program that would provide financial aid to members of the California National Guard, Naval Militia and Reserves. The aid would be awarded by the Adjutant General of the California National Guard and administrative support would be provided by the California Student Aid Commission.

[AB 1569\(Committee on Veterans Affairs\)](#) Postsecondary education: tuition: veterans.
Location: 04/02/2009-A HIGHER ED.

Summary: AB 1569 would bring all state public higher education institutions into compliance with the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 provision that stipulates a public institution that receives institutional aid under the federal HEA must charge members of the Armed Forces and their dependants at the in-state tuition rates as long as those students are continuously enrolled.

7. OTHER

[SB 217\(Yee\)](#) Public postsecondary education: executive officer compensation.
Location: 03/09/2009-S ED.

Summary: SB 217 would prohibit the trustees and the board from increasing the compensation of any executive officer, as defined, of their respective segments in any fiscal year in which mandatory systemwide student fees of those segments are increased from the amount of mandatory systemwide student fees charged in the immediately preceding fiscal year. SB 217 would limit the compensation for, the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, an executive vice chancellor, a senior vice chancellor, the general counsel of the colleges, and the president of an individual campus.

[SB 248\(Oropeza\)](#) Educational equity: Title IX.
Location: 03/31/2009-S ED.

Summary: SB 248 would require a school district, the president or chief executive officer of a community college campus, and the president of a campus of the California State University, by July 1, 2010, to place on their Internet Web site, and post on the entrance to the gymnasiums



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of the schools, colleges, or universities, as the case may be, and in the locker rooms, the list of rights accorded to pupils under Title IX. The bill would request the chancellor of a campus of the University of California to place the list of those rights on the campus Internet Web site and post them in the university gymnasiums and locker rooms by July 1, 2010. By requiring school districts and community college campuses to post this information, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

8. OTHER BILLS

[AB 1400](#)([Fong](#)) Community colleges: expulsion: hearing.
Location: 03/31/2009-A HIGHER ED.

Summary: AB 1400 would authorize the governing board of a district to deny admission to any individual who has been expelled from a community college within the preceding 10 years for certain violent offenses, as provided, if the board determines that the person continues to pose a risk to the safety of others. AB 1400 would require a hearing before making the determination as to whether the person continues to pose a risk.

[SB 775](#)([Liu](#)) Postsecondary education: accountability program.
Location: 04/14/2009-S ED.

Summary: SB 775 would repeal the existing higher education accountability program and require the state to establish a new accountability framework to achieve prescribed educational and economic goals. The bill would set forth educational and economic goals and would require the CPEC, by January 30, 2010, to convene a working group to develop a prescribed set of performance outcomes to measure progress toward meeting those educational and economic goals. The bill would require the working group to publish those performance outcomes by January 30, 2011. The bill also would express legislative intent with respect to conditioning receipt of enrollment growth funding upon achievement of those performance outcomes by the three segments of public postsecondary education.

9. ASSESSMENT AND PLACEMENT

[AB 36](#)([Furutani](#)) Public education: basic skills training.
Location: 04/13/2009-A HIGHER ED.

Summary: AB 36 would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to develop a readiness year program in the public education system that provides basic skills training for individuals entering or reentering an academic institution or the workforce and prepares those individuals to meet California's career technical education and workforce development needs. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[AB 371](#)([Fuller](#)) Community colleges: student assessments.
Location: 02/23/2009-A PRINT

Summary: AB 371 would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to provide incentives for students at the California Community Colleges to enroll, during the first year of college, in remedial courses that are deemed necessary based on the results of an assessment performed by the California Community Colleges. This bill contains other existing laws.

[AB 1008](#)([Block](#)) Community colleges: student assessment.
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Summary: AB 1008 would require the board to convene a working group including representatives of the Legislative Analyst's Office, the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges, and the California Community Colleges Consultation Council to make findings and recommendations regarding assessments that can be utilized to test basic skills of students entering community college. The bill would require the working group to present its findings to the Legislature and Governor on or before July 1, 2010. This bill contains other existing laws.

[SB 597\(Liu\)](#) Child welfare services, foster care services, and adoption assistance.
Location: 03/31/2009-S HUM. S.

Summary: SB 597 would expand the definition of "care and supervision" to include travel costs for educational purposes. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

10. CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT

[AB 78\(Portantino\)](#) Pupils: concurrent enrollment in community college and secondary or elementary school.
Location: 03/04/2009-A ED.

Summary: Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. Existing law authorizes the establishment of community college districts under the administration of community college governing boards, and authorizes these districts to provide instruction at community college campuses throughout the state. This bill, instead, would authorize school districts to enter into partnerships with community college districts to provide secondary school pupils with the opportunity to benefit from advanced scholastic, career-technical, or other coursework at a campus of the California Community Colleges. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[AB 555\(Furutani\)](#) Community colleges: attendance by secondary school pupils: partnerships.
Location: 04/13/2009-A HIGHER ED.

Summary: Would authorize the Kern, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Los Rios, and San Jose-Evergreen Community College Districts to enter into partnerships with school districts to provide secondary school pupils with the opportunity to benefit from advanced scholastic, career-technical, or vocational coursework, or other coursework at a campus of the California Community Colleges. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

11. 50% LAW

[AB 581\(Torlakson\)](#) Community colleges: salaries of classroom instructors
Location: 04/01/2009-A APPR.

Summary: AB 581 requires the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office to conduct random audits of five community college districts each year to encourage and determine compliance with existing law requiring CCDs to expend 50% of their expense of education on the salaries of classroom instructors, and makes other technical changes.

[AB 1157\(Block\)](#) Community colleges: salaries of classroom instructors.
Location: 03/26/2009-A HIGHER ED.



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Summary: AB 1157 would define classroom instructors to include counselors. This bill would require that, commencing with the 2010-11 fiscal year, 52% of each district's current expense of education be expended for payment of salaries of classroom instructors.

12. PROPERTY TAX BACKFILL

[AB 551](#) ([Furutani](#)) Community colleges: property tax revenues.

Location: 03/26/2009-A HIGHER ED.

Summary: AB 551 would require the annual Budget Act to specify the total local property tax revenue, as defined, for community college districts upon which the General Fund appropriation for community college districts is based.