

CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES CHANCELLOR OFFICE
Legislative Tracking List as of 1/7/2009

ADMISSIONS

[AB 78](#)([Portantino](#)) Pupils: concurrent enrollment in community college and secondary or elementary school.

Introduced: 12/18/2008

Status: 12/19/2008-From printer. May be heard in committee January 18.

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.

CAREER TECH AND BASIC SKILLS

[AB 3](#)([V. Manuel Perez](#)) Energy: renewable energy workforce readiness program.

Introduced: 12/01/2008

Status: 12/02/2008-From printer. May be heard in committee January 1.

Summary: Would require the commission, by January 1, 2011, to establish a Renewable Energy Workforce Readiness Program 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 program would award training grants, on a competitive basis, to implement and operate renewable energy worker training and education programs in the state. The commission would be required to submit to the Legislature, by January 1, 2012, a report on the implementation of the program. The bill would require the commission to implement the program, upon appropriation by the Legislature, using moneys from an unspecified fund.

[AB 35](#)([Furutani](#)) Education: workforce preparation.

Introduced: 12/01/2008

Status: 12/02/2008-From printer. May be heard in committee January 1.

Summary: Would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to develop a strategic plan on the education system for workforce preparation. This bill contains other existing laws.

[AB 36](#)([Furutani](#)) Public education: readiness year program.

Introduced: 12/01/2008

Status: 12/02/2008-From printer. May be heard in committee January 1.

Summary: 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 existing laws.

VETERANS ISSUES

[AB 38](#)([Salas](#)) Postsecondary education: resident classification: veterans.

Introduced: 12/01/2008

Status: 12/02/2008-From printer. May be heard in committee January 1.

Summary: Would repeal that provision and would instead enact the Veterans Education Assistance Act of 2009, which would entitle a student who was a member of the Armed Forces to resident classification for the length of time he or she lives in this state after being discharged up to the minimum time necessary to become a resident, if the student meets specified eligibility requirements, including, among other requirements, being eligible for federal veterans education benefits. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[SB 15\(Cedillo\)](#) Student financial aid: members and former members of the Armed Forces.

Introduced: 12/01/2008

Status: 12/02/2008-From print. May be acted upon on or after January 1.

Summary: Would commencing with the 2010-11 academic year, entitle an otherwise eligible student who is a member or former member of the United States Armed Forces, and who enrolls at a campus of the California Community Colleges, in a career technical education program, or in a qualifying undergraduate certificate or degree program, to a Cal Grant A or B award. The bill also would require the Student Aid Commission to make preliminary awards to all applicants currently eligible for an award under the program, and would require each person who receives a preliminary award to affirm, in writing, that he or she meets specified requirements for eligibility in the program. This bill contains other related provisions.

DATA

[SB 19\(Simitian\)](#) Education data.

Introduced: 12/01/2008

Status: 12/02/2008-From print. May be acted upon on or after January 1.

Summary: Would further state the intent of the Legislature to amend the Education Code to enact legislation that would create in state government the Statewide Education Data Governing Board, the purpose of which would be to facilitate the linking of education data from disparate education and noneducation sources.

FINANCIAL AID

[HR 4\(Portantino\)](#) Relative to federal aid to higher education.

Introduced: 12/01/2008

Status: 12/01/2008-Introduced.

Summary: That the Assembly calls for a federal program for higher education in the amount of seventy billion dollars (\$70,000,000,000)-just 10 percent of what the United States government is spending on the financial crisis-to rebuild access for students to our nation's public universities and colleges, including establishing college-going grants similar to the World War II era G.I. Bill of Rights, and student loan debt forgiveness for all students who take jobs in public service; and be it further Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

MISCELLANEOUS

[AB 37\(Furutani\)](#) Public postsecondary education: honorary degrees.

Introduced: 12/01/2008

Status: 12/02/2008-From printer. May be heard in committee January 1.

Summary: Would require the Trustees of the California State University and the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, and would request the Regents of the University of California, to confer an honorary degree upon each person who was unable to continue and complete his or her studies at the public postsecondary educational institution in which that person was enrolled as a result of the issuance of federal Executive Order 9066 on February 19, 1942.

LOCAL ADMINISTRATION - CONTRACTS/EMPLOYMENT/MISC

[SBX1 14\(Benoit\)](#) Contracting for noninstructional services.

Introduced: 12/09/2008

Status: 12/18/2008-From committee without further action.

Summary: Would authorize school districts and community college districts to contract for any noninstructional services of any type, if awarded pursuant to certain provisions of existing law governing public contracts, and if the governing board of the school district or community college determines that the contract will provide a benefit for the school district or community college district. The bill would prohibit the contract from being invalidated for specified circumstances relating to food service functions and positions. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

BUDGET/FINANCE

[AB 8\(Brownley\)](#) Education finance: working group.

Introduced: 12/01/2008

Status: 12/02/2008-From printer. May be heard in committee January 1.

Summary: Would express findings and declarations of the Legislature with respect to the school funding system in the state. This bill would require the Director of Finance and the Legislative Analyst to convene a working group to make findings and recommendations to the Legislature and the Governor on or before December 1, 2010, regarding restructuring California's school finance system. The bill would require those findings and recommendations to include, among other things, alternative structures for funding public schools, the policy and fiscal implications of the alternative funding structure or structures, and an evaluation mechanism to facilitate continuous improvement, maximum transparency, and accountability of the funding structures.

[ABX1 4\(Evans\)](#) Budget Act of 2008.

Introduced: 12/08/2008

Status: 01/06/2009-Vetoed by Governor. VETOED

Summary: Would revise the definition of sufficient textbooks for the 2008-09 and 2009-10 fiscal years and, during those fiscal years, would require a county superintendent of schools to use that revised definition to determine whether a school has sufficient textbooks. The bill would make these provisions inoperative on July 1, 2010, and repeal them on January 1, 2011. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[ABX1 7\(Evans\)](#) Budget Act of 2008.

Introduced: 12/08/2008

Status: 01/06/2009-Vetoed by Governor. VETOED

Summary: Would amend the Budget Act of 2008 to make specified appropriations regarding public transit, state highway improvements, land use, parks, pollution, water management, flood protection, community conservation, and community colleges. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[SBX1 3\(Ducheny\)](#) Budget Act of 2008: revisions.

Introduced: 12/08/2008

Status: 01/06/2009-Vetoed by Governor. VETOED

Summary: Would amend the Budget Act of 2008 to make adjustments to certain items of appropriations. The bill would authorize the Director of Finance to allocate necessary reductions in employee compensation from General Fund items in the amount of \$240,000,000 and from items relating to other funds in the amount of \$149,000,000. The bill would state the intent of the Legislature that reductions in employee compensation will result in General Fund savings of

\$417,000,000 and other fund savings of \$255,000,000 in the 2009-10 fiscal year. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

SBX1 7(Ducheny) Budget Act of 2008: state and local government.

Introduced: 12/08/2008

Status: 01/06/2009-Vetoed by Governor. VETOED

Summary: Would authorize the Controller to loan moneys in various funds to the General Fund for specified purposes. The bill would require that, with specified exception, interest be paid on all moneys loaned to the General Fund at a rate determined by the Pooled Money Investment Board to be the current earning rate of the fund from which the moneys were loaned. The bill would not authorize any transfer that would interfere with the carrying out of the object for which the funds were created. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

SCA 1(Walters) State budget.

Introduced: 12/01/2008

Status: 12/02/2008-From print. May be acted upon on or after January 1.

Summary: Would provide, as an exception to this vote requirement, that if the total amount of General Fund appropriations in a Budget Bill, as defined, for the ensuing fiscal year combined with all other General Fund appropriations for that fiscal year on the date of passage does not exceed by 5% or more the amount of General Fund appropriations for the immediately preceding fiscal year, as determined by the Department of Finance, the Budget Bill may be passed by a majority vote. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

SCA 5(Hancock) State budget.

Introduced: 12/02/2008

Status: 12/03/2008-From print. May be acted upon on or after January 2.

Summary: Would exempt General Fund appropriations in the Budget Bill from the 2/3 vote requirement. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

SCA 6(Simitian) Taxation: educational entities: parcel tax.

Introduced: 12/09/2008

Status: 12/10/2008-Read first time. From print. May be acted upon on or after January 9.

Summary: Would alternatively condition the imposition, extension, or increase of a parcel tax, as defined, by a school district, community college district, or county office of education upon the approval of 55% of its voters voting on the proposition, and would also make conforming changes to related provisions.