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OVERVIEW

Work continues by the policy committees on legislation that passed key deadlines in the house of origin. A number of bills we have been monitoring are no longer eligible to progress this year. Since this is the first year of a two-year session, these bills are not “dead” because they can be considered next year, and are referred to as “two-year” bills. Priority bills of interest (Tier 1) that were made two-year bills since the last board meeting include:

- AB 370 (Rodriguez) Student Financial Aid: Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards
- AB 387 (Thurmond) Minimum Wage: Health Professionals: Interns
- AB 559 (Santiago) Community Colleges: Enrollment Fee Waiver
- AB 647 (Kalra) Personal Income Tax: Credit Community College Student
- AB 917 (Arambula) Student Suicide Prevention Policies
- AB 1037 (Limón) Public Postsecondary Education: Student Financial Aid
- AB 1058 (Gipson) Community College Fee Waiver: Ward of the State
- AB 1563 (Medina) Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant C Awards
- AB 1622 (Low) Student Support Services: Dream Resource Liaisons
- SB 319 (Nguyen) California Community Colleges: Remedial Coursework

The Legislature completed its work on the budget by the Constitutional deadline of June 15, 2017. A number of bills we have been monitoring were absorbed into the Budget Act and/or the Education Trailer Bill. Priority bills of interest (Tier 1) that are contained in Budget Act and/or Trailer Bill are:

- AB 370 (Rodriguez) Student Financial Aid: Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards
- AB 669 (Berman) Community College Economic and Workforce Development Program
- SB 317 (Roth) Community College Economic and Workforce Development Program
- SB 25 (Portantino and Newman) Nonresident Tuition Exemption: Veterans.
- SB 539 (de León) Community College Completion Incentive Grant Program

The next major deadline for bills moving forward is July 21, 2017, when policy committees are required to hear and report bills. The Legislature will adjourn for Summer Recess on July 21, 2017. The Legislature will reconvene on August 21, and must conclude its business by September 15, 2017.

The summaries that follow are top priority, or Tier 1 bills, and reflect the information that was available when this update was drafted. 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://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/>.

BILLS OF INTEREST

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

- **AB 705 (Irwin) Seymour-Campbell Student Success Act of 2012: Matriculation: Assessment.** AB 705 requires California Community Colleges to use high school performance information when determining a students' readiness for college-level English and math. It also prohibits community colleges from requiring students to enroll in remedial coursework unless research proves that the students are highly unlikely to succeed in college-level coursework.
 - Status: Passed in the Assembly (76-0) and sent to the Senate Education Committee.
 - Position: *Support*

- **AB 1567 (Holden) Public Postsecondary Education: Foster Youth.** AB 1567 requires the California Department of Social Services to coordinate data sharing with the CSU and CCC for the purposes of assisting foster youth with financial aid eligibility. It also requires each community college to notify each foster youth student about appropriate campus support programs such as EOPS and CAYFES.
 - Status: Passed in the Assembly (77-0) and in the Senate Education Committee (6-0) and sent to the Senate Human Services Committee.

- **SB 577 (Dodd) Community College Districts: Teacher Credentialing Programs of Professional Preparation.** SB 577 authorizes the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges (CCC), in consultation with state universities and local education boards and school districts, to authorize up to five community college districts to offer a teacher-credentialing program, subject to approval by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing. The bill requires the BOG to develop a funding model to support program implementation, and prohibits a student in a CCC teacher-credentialing program to be charged fees higher than the fees charged for comparable programs of professional preparation offered at the California State University.
 - Status: Passed in the Senate (37-2) and sent to the Assembly Committee on Higher Education.
 - Position: *Concern*

- **SB 769 (Hill) Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program.** SB 769 increases the statutory limit on the total number of community college baccalaureate degree programs from 15 to 25, and extends the sunset date to July 1, 2028. The bill removes prohibitions that currently limit a community college district (CCD) to only one baccalaureate degree program, and the requirement that students complete their degree by the 2022-23 academic year. The bill specifies that each CCD pursuing the development of a new pilot shall use its existing financial resources to support program implementation.
 - Status: Passed in the Senate (38-2) and sent to the Assembly Committee on Higher Education.
 - Position: *Concern*

CAMPUS CLIMATE/CAMPUS SAFETY

- **AB 21 (Kalra) Public Postsecondary Education: Student Access.** AB 21 requires the California Community Colleges (CCC), California State University, and California's Independent Colleges and Universities, and requests the University of California, to implement the following actions in the event that a student is subject to a federal immigration order. First, students may continue to receive financial aid, fellowship stipends, exemption from nonresident tuition fees, funding for research or other educational projects, housing stipends or services, or other benefits they have been awarded or received and are permitted to re-enroll if they are able to return to campus. The bill also requires campus staff to be available to assist, in a sensitive manner, students, faculty, and staff who may be subject to a federal immigration order or inquiry, or who may face similar issues, and whose education or employment is at risk because of federal immigration actions.
 - Status: Passed in the Assembly (55-23) and sent to the Senate Judiciary Committee.
- **SB 169 (Jackson) Education: Sex Equity.** SB 169 requires the governing board of each community college district, the Trustees of the California State University, the Regents of the University of California, and the governing boards of each independent institution of higher education and each private postsecondary educational institution to implement policies and procedures on sexual harassment, as specified. SB 169 also requires each board to implement policies and procedures that conform with the provisions of the “Dear Colleague” letter issued by the United States Department of Education’s Office of Civil Rights on April 4, 2011 relating to sexual harassment and sexual violence.
 - Status: Passed in the Senate (26-10) and sent to the Assembly Judiciary committee and the Assembly Higher Education Committee.
- **AB 1435 (Gonzalez-Fletcher) The Athlete Protection Act.** AB 1435 creates the Athlete Protection Commission to oversee intercollegiate athletics including community college athletic programs. The commission will collect fees from athletic programs for the Athlete Protection Act Fund. These funds will be used to investigate athlete complaints, develop best practices around athlete safety, and establish guidelines for athletic departments to follow.
 - Status: Passed in the Assembly (51-23) and sent to the Senate Business, Professions, and Economic Development Committee.

CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION/APPRENTICESHIP/WORKFORCE

- **AB 1577 (Gipson) Career Technical Education: Access Plan.** AB 1577 requires the State Department of Education, in collaboration with the California Workforce Development Board, and the Office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, to develop a plan to ensure the provision of, and access to, career technical education programs at every K-12 school in California and to convene, on or before January 1, 2019, to develop the plan. The bill would, on or before January 1, 2020, require the department to report the plan to the Legislature. The bill would repeal its provisions on January 1, 2024.
 - Status: Passed in the Assembly (77-0) and sent to the Senate Education committee.
- **AB 1731 (Committee on Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy) Apprenticeships: Training Funds: Audits.** AB 1731 amends the Workforce and Economic Development statute, and addresses an audit finding by authorizing the program to provide

guidance to local educational agencies on the allocation and oversight of apprenticeship training funds, consistent with the rules set by the California Apprenticeship Council.

- Status: Passed in the Assembly (76-0) and in the Senate Education Committee (7-0) and sent to the Senate Appropriations Committee.
- Position: *Support*

FACULTY

- **AB 847 (Bocanegra) Academic Senates: Membership.** AB 847 requires the local academic senate of a campus of the California Community Colleges to post its membership roster on its web site. AB 847 also requires local academic senates to provide demographic data on the gender and race or ethnicity of its members to the public, upon request.
 - Status: Passed in the Assembly (72-5) and sent to the Senate Education Committee.

FINANCE AND FUNDING

- **AB 1299 (Gipson) Compton Community College District.** AB 1299 establishes requirements for the transition of the Compton Center to the Compton Community College District from the El Camino Community College District. In its current form, AB 1299 states findings of the Legislature and broad conditions for ensuring students maintain their educational progress and have a smooth transition for enrollment in classes at Compton College.
 - Status: Passed in the Assembly (75-0) and sent to the Senate Education Committee.

MISCELLANEOUS

- **SB 244 (Lara) Privacy Agencies: Personal Information.** SB 244 enacts new statutory provisions that prohibit all state and local government agencies from collecting, recording, or using sensitive personal information, as defined, for any purpose other than assessing eligibility for public services or programs for which an application has been submitted. It exempts sensitive personal information, as defined, from the California Public Records Act unless disclosure meets specified requirements.
 - Status: Passed in the Senate (27-12) and sent to the Assembly Judiciary, Privacy, and Consumer Protection Committee.

STUDENT SERVICES

- **AB 214 (Weber) Student Food Security.** AB 214 seeks to assist students facing food insecurity by making the CalFresh application process easier. The Student Aid Commission would be required to notify CalGrant recipients of their eligibility for CalFresh benefits. The Department of Social Services (CDSS) would be required to maintain a list of programs that qualify for the employment training exemption in federal regulation. This exemption allows full time students to receive CalFresh benefits if they are in one of these programs. The list of programs were developed under prior legislation by way of consultation with the Chancellor's Office.

- Status: Passed in the Assembly (73-0) and sent to the Senate Education Committee.
 - Position: *Support*
- **AB 227 (Mayes) CalWORKs: Education Incentives.** AB 227 provides a supplemental education incentive grant when a CalWORKs recipient reaches an educational milestone. The bill appropriates \$20 million to partially restore funding to the California Community Colleges CalWORKs program, which provides work-study slots, education and career counseling, and other services to CalWORKs recipients.
 - Status: Passed in the Assembly (73-0) and sent to the Senate Human Services Committee.
 - **AB 453 (Limón) Postsecondary Education: Student Hunger.** AB 453 requires community college districts to designate a campus that has a food pantry and a staff member to assist students with enrolling in CalFresh as a “hunger free campus.” Campuses with this designation would receive a funding incentive. Of note, funding to support this program was provided in the Budget Act.
 - Status: Passed in the Assembly (75-1) and sent to the Senate Education Committee.
 - **AB 504 (Medina) Student Success and Support Program Funding.** AB 504 requires the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to establish a standard methodology for measurement of student equity, and disproportionate impact for disaggregated subgroups of the community college student population for use in campus student equity plans. The bill also requires community colleges to use the standard methodology established by the Chancellor in campus-based research regarding student equity plans. This bill implements recommendations from the Legislative Analyst’s Office, contained in their 2016 report on the Student Success Support Program and the Student Equity Program.
 - Status: Passed in the Senate Education Committee on consent (7-0) and sent to the Senate Appropriations Committee.
 - Position: *Support*
 - **AB 637 (Medina) Community Colleges: Online Education Initiative (OEI).** AB 637 establishes the Online Education Initiative (OEI) Course Exchange in statute, which will outline the responsibilities of colleges and students participating in the OEI Consortium. This bill is necessary to allow colleges in the OEI Course Exchange to accept the residency determination of the student’s home campus.
 - Status: Passed in the Assembly (76-0) and in the Senate Education Committee (6-0) and sent to the Senate Appropriations Committee.
 - Position: *Support (CCCCO is the Sponsor of this bill)*
 - **AB 1018 (Reyes) Community Colleges: Student Equity Plans: Homeless Students.** AB 1018 adds homeless students to the categories of students required to be addressed in the student equity plans. Recent amendments also add LGBT students as a category and require the CCCCCO to share data, if available, to support college implementation of this bill.
 - Status: Passed in the Assembly (75-0) and sent to the Senate Education Committee.

- **SB 12 (Beall) Foster Youth in Higher Education.** SB 12 is intended to improve post-secondary achievement among foster youth. The bill requires every county child welfare agency to assist foster youth in the financial aid application process. SB 12 requires the Student Aid Commission to work with the State Department of Social Services to develop an automated system to verify a student’s foster youth status for applying for federal Pell Grants; and expands Cooperating Agencies Foster Youth Educational Support (CAFYES) program from the current level of 10 community college districts to 20 districts.
 - Status: Passed in the Senate (40-0) and sent to the Assembly Human Services Committee and Assembly Higher Education Committee.
 - Position: *Support if amended (CCCCO is requesting an extension to the report date)*

- **SB 164 (McGuire) Tribal TANF.** SB 164 extends priority enrollment at a community college to recipients of Tribal TANF. CalWORKs recipients already have priority enrollment and Tribal TANF is essentially the same program with authority provided to federally recognized tribes to administer their program. The affected population is estimated at 11,000 statewide.
 - Status: Passed by the Assembly Higher Education Committee (13-0) and sent to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.
 - Position: *Support*

- **SB 478 (Portantino) Transfer of Community College Students to the California State University or University of California.** SB 478 requires the governing board of each community college district to identify students who have completed an associate degree for transfer and award those students the earned degree. Colleges are required to add students to an electronic database, and the CCC Chancellor’s Office is required to facilitate information sharing with the California State University and the University of California. Students may affirmatively opt out of being included in these provisions. Implementation of this bill is contingent upon the Legislature providing funding to support this activity.
 - Status: Passed in the Senate (29-10) and sent to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.
 - Position: *Support*

TUITION, FEES, FINANCIAL AID

- **AB 17 (Holden) Transit Pass Program: Free or Reduced-Fare Passes.** AB 17 authorizes a Transit Pilot Pass Program funded at \$20 million to be administered by the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to provide free or reduced fare transit passes to low income students.
 - Status: Passed in the Assembly (71-4) and sent to the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee.

- **AB 19 (Santiago) Community Colleges: Enrollment Fee Waiver.** AB 19 waives the community college enrollment fee for one academic year for first-time community college students who enroll in 12 units per term.
 - Status: Passed in the Assembly (56-18) and sent to the Senate Education Committee.

- **AB 204 (Medina) Community College Districts: Enrollment Fee Waiver.** AB 204 requires the Chancellor’s Office to review, for general consistency, each community college district’s due process procedures regarding an appeal on the loss of a fee waiver and comment on the

procedures as appropriate. Each district is required to develop procedures that allow for an appeal due to hardship based on geographic distance from an alternative community college where the student would be eligible for a fee waiver. The districts are also required to examine the impact of the minimum academic and progress standards every three years to determine whether those standards have had a disproportionate impact on specific groups of students. If disproportionate effects are discovered the district is required to include steps to address that impact in a student equity plan.

- Status: Passed in the Assembly (74-1) and in the Senate Education Committee (6-0) and sent to the Senate Appropriations Committee.
- **AB 343 (McCarty) Public Postsecondary Education: Holders of Certain Special Immigrant Visas.** AB 343 provides a waiver from the nonresident tuition fees for students who are refugees or Iraqi or Afghan individuals with Special Immigrant Visas who worked for or on behalf of the U.S. Government, and their dependents. The bill specifies that in order to be eligible for the waiver, the students must settle in California upon entering the United States.
 - Status: Passed in the Senate Education Committee and sent to the Senate Judiciary Committee.
- **AB 490 (Quirk-Silva) Taxation: credits: College Access Tax Credit.** AB 490 extends the sunset date for the College Access Tax Credit (CATC) to January 1, 2023, and removes a provision that would have set aside funds for outreach efforts to inform taxpayers about the CATC.
 - Status: Passed in the Assembly (77-0) and sent to the Senate Government and Finance Committee.
 - Position: *Support*
- **AB 1468 (Chiu) Community Colleges: Student Equity Funds for Emergency Assistance.** AB 1468 authorizes the use of funding from the California Community Colleges (CCC) Student Equity Program, up to \$25,000 per campus of apportionment funding, or both, to be used for emergency student financial assistance to help an eligible student overcome unforeseen financial challenges that would directly affect the student's ability to persist in his or her course of study.
 - Status: Passed in the Assembly (55-22) and sent to the Senate Education Committee.
 - Position: *Support*
- **SB 15 (Leyva) Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant C awards.** SB 15 requires the Chancellor's Office to provide the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) with an annual list of eligible occupational and technical training programs. The bill also requires CSAC to give priority to students enrolled in eligible programs that have high-employer demand or high-projected employment growth, high-earning outcomes, or are part of a well-articulated career pathway to a job providing economic security. Recent amendments removed provisions related to the establishment of new access grants for community college students.
 - Status: Passed in the Senate (39-0) and sent to the Assembly Committee on Higher Education.
 - Position: *Support*

- **SB 68 (Lara) Public Postsecondary Education: Exemption from Nonresident Tuition.** SB 68 expands and modifies AB 540 eligibility requirements regarding the exemption from paying nonresident tuition at public postsecondary institutions. SB 68 would allow attendance at an adult school for a maximum of two years at a community college to count toward achieving AB 540 status. Existing law requires full-time attendance for three or more years at an elementary or secondary school or some combination thereof. The bill allows a student to complete an Associate Degree or satisfy minimum requirements for transfer in lieu of a high school diploma or GED in order to qualify for AB 540 status.
 - Status: Passed in the Senate (31-9) and sent to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.
 - Position: *Support*

- **SB 573 (Lara) Student Financial Aid: Service Learning Programs.** SB 573 requires the Board of Governors to ensure that each campus implements a service-learning program for students with financial need who do not qualify for federal work-study programs and are exempt from paying the nonresident tuition fee. The bill authorizes a service-learning program to supplement or be a component of an existing state work-study program as deemed appropriate by a community college. A student’s personal information would remain confidential and collected only for program administration purposes. Prop 98 funds would support this new program.
 - Status: Passed in the Senate (28-12) and sent to the Assembly Committees on Judiciary and Higher Education.

VETERANS, MILITARY AND DEPENDENTS

- **AB 172 (Chávez) Residency: Dependents of Armed Forces Members.** AB 172 amends current statute that provides in-state tuition for dependents of military members so that they will maintain resident tuition after admission to a postsecondary institution.
 - Status: Passed in the Assembly (76-0) and on consent in the Senate Education Committee (7-0) and sent to Senate Veterans Committee.
 - Position: *Support*

- **SB 694 (Newman) California Community Colleges: Veteran Resource Centers.** SB 694 requires the Chancellor’s Office to ensure that each of its campuses provides a dedicated on-campus Veteran Resource Center that offers services to help student veteran’s transition successfully from military life to educational success. The bill establishes minimum requirements for each center, but a district may petition the Chancellor’s Office if it cannot meet the standards established by SB 694. The proposed state budget includes \$5 million for Veteran Resource Centers.
 - Status: Passed in the Senate (40-0) and sent to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

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