

The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges

PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

DATE: September 18-19, 2017

SUBJECT: Student Success for Basic Skills Program Funding Formula		Item Number: 2.6	
		Attachment: No	
CATEGORY:	Educational Services	TYPE OF BOARD	
		CONSIDERATION:	
Recommended By:	James Johnson	Consent/Routine	
		First Reading	
	Laura Hope, Executive Vice Chancellor		
Approved for	NOS	Action	Х
Consideration:		Information	
	Eloy Ortiz Oakley, Chancellor		

ISSUE: This item requests the Board of Governors approve the funding allocation formula for the Student Success for Basic Skills Program outlined in Education Code § 88815.

BACKGROUND: Statute enacted in 2016 created the Student Success for Basic Skills Program under the administration of the Chancellor's Office to commence on July 1, 2017. This program replaces the Basic Skills Initiative.

California Education Code § 88815 specifies:

From funds provided in the annual Budget Act for the Student Success for Basic Skills Program, the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges shall allocate...funds for grants to community college districts for improving outcomes of students who enter college needing at least one course in English as a second language or basic skills, with particular emphasis on students transitioning from high school. (Background cont.)

RECOMMENDED ACTION: It is recommended the Board of Governors approve the allocation formula for the Student Success for Basic Skills Program identified in Education Code § 88815.

(Background cont.)

The Chancellor of the California Community Colleges shall distribute grant funds to community college districts that meet the application criteria in subparagraph (D) on the basis of the following weighted factors:

- (I) The percentage of students receiving a Board of Governors fee waiver who first enrolled in a course below transfer level in English, mathematics, or English as a second language, or any combination of these, and subsequently completed a college-level course in the same subject within one year and within two years. This factor shall comprise 50 percent of the allocation formula.
- (II) The percentage of students receiving a Board of Governors fee waiver. This factor shall comprise 25 percent of the formula.
- (III) The percentage of basic skills full-time equivalent students in courses offered by that community college district using evidence-based practices and principles identified in paragraphs (1) to (6), inclusive, of subdivision (a) of Section 88810. This factor shall comprise 25 percent of the formula.

Additional criteria may be utilized with concurrence from California Department of Finance.

ANALYSIS: Chancellor's Office staff reviewed the statutory formula and recommend its adoption. As the statutory formula is applied for allocations for the 2017-18 academic year, the Chancellor's Office staff will review its impact and, if needed, make recommendations for revision. Any future changes to the allocation formula will be brought to the Board for review and approval.