

State Policy and Advocacy Update

STATE ADVOCACY OVERVIEW

As of this writing, the Legislature and Governor have not reached an official agreement regarding the 2022 State Budget. However, the Assembly's and Senate's budget framework proposes funding for the Cal Grant Equity Framework and establishes an equitable placement and completion support block grant. Further, the framework approves funding for several of our budget priorities, including AB 928 (related to transfer reform) and AB 1111 (related to common course numbering).

During the June Consultation Council meeting, we will provide an update on our advocacy efforts on high-priority legislation, including AB 1705 (related to equitable placement), AB 1746 (related to Cal Grant Reform), and SB 1141 (related to undocumented students). Below is a summary of upcoming legislative deadlines.

- **July 1:** Last day for policy committees to meet. Summer Recess begins.
- **August 1:** Legislature reconvenes from Summer Recess.
- **August 12:** Last day for fiscal committees to meet.
- **August 31:** Last day for the Legislature to pass bills.
- **September 30:** Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills.

STATE LEGISLATION OVERVIEW

To date, we have identified 174 bills that have an impact on higher education or the Chancellor's Office. Of these bills, 65 are classified at Tier 1 and most likely to have a direct impact on CCCs, our faculty, and students. A full Legislative Matrix and a list of all Tier 1 bills can be found by visiting the [State Relations page on the Chancellor's Office website](http://www.cccco.edu/About-Us/Chancellors-Office/Divisions/Government-Relations-Policy-in-Action/Policy-in-action/State-Relations/Tracked-Legislation). (www.cccco.edu/About-Us/Chancellors-Office/Divisions/Government-Relations-Policy-in-Action/Policy-in-action/State-Relations/Tracked-Legislation).

The following policy positions are in alignment with the 2022 Legislative Guiding Principles, which authorizes the Chancellor's Office to adopt official positions on legislation if it meets the goals established in the *Vision for Success*, advances the priorities established in the 2022-23 Students First Budget and Legislative Proposal, and is consistent with Board of Governors policy. A summary of how these bills are aligned to the Legislative Principles is included as part of this update. Overall, we have a **Sponsor** position on two bills, a **Support** position on 12 bills, and an **Oppose** position on one bill.

For additional details on bills, visit the [Legislative Counsel's website](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/) (leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/).

SPONSORED LEGISLATION

SB 1141 (Limón) Public postsecondary education: exemption from payment of nonresident tuition.

Would remove the two-year cap on full-time enrollment in credit courses that can be counted towards achieving AB 540 status and change the threshold to qualify from three to two years of full-time attendance.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

SJR 9 (Limón) 20th anniversary of the nonresident tuition exemption: American Families Plan: immigration reform.

Recognizes October 12, 2021, as the twentieth anniversary of the passage of AB 540 and calls on Congress to pass the American Families Plan, which would allow undocumented students to qualify for federal financial aid.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

OTHER BILLS WITH A POLICY POSITION

AB 75 (O'Donnell) Kindergarten-Community Colleges Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2022.

This bond bill, if approved by voters during an unspecified statewide election in 2022, would provide \$12 billion to construct and modernize K-14 education facilities. This bill includes an urgency statute.

Status: Referred to the Senate Education Committee.

Position: **Support**

Principle: **Facilities**

AB 102 (Holden) College and Career Access Pathways partnerships.

Would remove the sunset date of January 1, 2027, for the College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP) program and authorize a county office of education to enter into a CCAP partnership with a community college district

Status: Referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Position: **Support**

Principle: **Dual Enrollment**

AB 288 (Calderon) California Ban on Scholarship Displacement Act of 2021.

Would prohibit each institution of higher education from reducing certain students' institution-based financial aid award below their financial need beginning in the 2023-2024 academic year.

Status: Referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Position: Support

Principle: Financial Aid

AB 1187 (Irwin) Community colleges: tutoring.

Would provide that supervised tutoring for all credit and noncredit courses, as authorized pursuant to regulations adopted by the Board of Governors by July 31, 2023, is eligible for state apportionment.

Status: Referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Position: Support

Principle: Access

AB 1232 (McCarty) Nonresident tuition fees: English as a second language courses.

Would create a nonresident tuition exemption for recent immigrants, refugees, and asylees who have settled in California, resided in the state for less than one year, and enrolled in credit ESL courses.

Status: Referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Position: Support

Principle: Special Student Populations

AB 1705 (Irwin) Equitable placement and completion practices and policies.

Would prohibit colleges from placing and enrolling students in pretransfer-level math or English coursework except under very limited circumstances, provide clarifying amendments to current equitable placement practices consistent with existing regulations and guidance, and require colleges to utilize data and local research evidence to inform a student's placement and concurrent support.

Status: Referred to the Senate Education Committee.

Position: Support

Principle: Access

AB 1746 (Medina) Cal Grant Reform Act.

Would overhaul the Cal Grant program by consolidating the existing entitlement programs into a Cal Grant 2 program for community college students and Cal Grant 4 program for four-year students, expand access by aligning eligibility requirements with income standards for the Pell Grant, and provide an automatic inflationary adjustment to the Cal Grant award for community college students.

Status: Pending referral in the Senate.

Position: Support

Principle: Financial Aid

AB 2315 (Arambula) Community colleges: records: preferred or affirmed names.

Would require each community college district to implement a process that allows students, staff, and faculty to declare an affirmed name, gender, or both name and gender identification to be used in records where legal names are not required by law.

Status: Referred to the Senate Education Committee.

Position: **Support**

Principle: **Equitable Classroom Environment**

AB 2627 (Bauer-Kahan) Electronically collected personal information: California Community Colleges: memorandum of understanding.

Would authorize a local agency to enter into a memorandum of understanding with a community college district for the purpose of sharing contact information to facilitate outreach and access to support resources, unless the individual has not granted permission for that disclosure.

Status: Referred to the Senate Education Committee.

Position: **Support**

Principle: **Data Sharing**

AB 2820 (Medina) California Online Community College.

Would add a sunset date to provisions that authorize the creation of Calbright. Specifically, this bill would provide that the California Online Community College Act is inoperative on January 1, 2024, and appropriate Calbright's funding for specified purposes.

Status: Referred to the Senate Education Committee.

Position: **Oppose**

Principle: **Single District Legislation**

SB 22 (Glazer) Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2022.

This bond bill, if approved by voters during an unspecified statewide election in 2022, would provide \$2 billion for the California Community Colleges to construct and modernize education facilities.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Education Committee.

Position: **Support**

Principle: **Facilities**

SB 641 (Skinner) CalFresh for College Students Act.

Would require the Department of Social Services to convene a workgroup that would submit a legislative report on how to improve the CalFresh application process for college students.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Human Services Committee.

Position: **Support**

Principle: **Basic Needs**

SB 885 (Laird) Cooperating Agencies Foster Youth Educational Support Program.

Would remove the 20 district cap on CAYFES/NextUp funds, formally change the name of the program to NextUp, eliminate the unit requirement for eligible students, and reduce the amount of funds the Chancellor's Office can set aside for administrative costs.

Status: Pending referral in the Assembly.

Position: **Support**

Principle: **Special Student Populations**

LEGISLATION UNDER REVIEW

AB 295 (Jones-Sawyer) Pilot program for free cost of attendance.

Would establish a working group with specified higher education representatives to consider the creation of a pilot program that would cover the total cost of postsecondary education in California.

Status: Referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 595 (Medina) University of California and California State University: student eligibility policy.

Would require the California State University (CSU), and request the University of California (UC), before adding any changes in student eligibility policy that affects students of that segment, to engage in a multi-step process prior to making said change.

Status: Referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 1106 (Cervantes) Employment Training Panel: pilot program: employment training needs.

Would require the Employment Training Panel to establish a pilot program to serve the employment training needs of small businesses and strengthen the linkages between higher education institutions and employers.

Status: Referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 1290 (Lee) Student Aid Commission.

Would expand the Student Aid Commission to include four student members, one from each of the following: UC, CSU, CCCs and a California private postsecondary educational institution.

Status: Referred to the Senate Education Committee.

AB 1467 (Cervantes) Student safety: sexual assault procedures and protocols.

Would require sexual assault counselors to be independent from the Title IX office and be appointed based on a demonstrated ability to effectively provide sexual violence victim services and response.

Status: Referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

AB 1491 (McCarty) Adult education: consortia: carryover of allocated funds.

Would prohibit a member of an adult education consortium and the consortium itself from carrying over more than 20% of its allocation from the immediately prior fiscal year and authorize the consortium to reduce the annual allocation for a member due to noncompliance.

Status: Referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 1505 (Rodriguez) Full-time faculty obligation number.

Would require the Board of Governors to adopt regulations that require the Fall 2023 full-time faculty obligation for each community college district to be set to the actual full-time faculty number reported for Fall 2022 and annually adjusted pursuant to these regulations.

Status: Referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 1602 (McCarty) California Student Housing Revolving Loan Fund Act of 2022.

Would provide zero-interest loans to qualifying applicants of the UC, CSU, and the CCCs for the purpose of constructing affordable student, faculty, and staff housing.

Status: Pending referral in the Senate.

AB 1671 (Patterson) California Ban on Scholarship Displacement for Foster Youth Act of 2022.

Would prohibit public and private higher education institutions from reducing an institution-based financial aid award below the financial need of an undergraduate student who is a current or former foster youth and a California resident.

Status: Referred to the Senate Human Services Committee.

AB 1691 (Medina) Classified School and Community College Employee Summer Assistance Programs.

Would authorize classified employees of a participating community college district meeting certain requirements to withhold an amount from their monthly paycheck during an academic year to be paid out during the summer recess period.

Status: Pending referral in the Senate.

AB 1712 (Medina) Campus safety: online survey tool.

Would require the CCCs, CSU, and UC to develop questions with trauma-informed language for review and approval by the United States Secretary of Education to be incorporated into an online survey tool, and would require the CCCs, CSU, and UC to submit a report on the results of the online survey to specified legislative committees beginning one year after the date on which the online survey becomes available.

Status: Referred to the Senate Education Committee.

AB 1719 (Ward) Housing: Community College Faculty and Employee Housing Act of 2022.

Would establish the Community College Faculty and Employee Housing Act of 2022 with specified requirements to address the housing needs of community college faculty and employees.

Status: Referred to the Senate Housing Committee.

Position: **Support**

Principle: **Basic Needs**

AB 1736 (Choi) Community colleges: student government.

Would allow a student to be elected as an officer in student government if they are enrolled in an adult education program offered by a community college district or are a disabled student.

Status: Referred to the Senate Education Committee.

AB 1764 (Medina) Student housing: survey.

Would require the CCCs, CSU, and UC to collect data on student housing insecurity at each of their respective campuses and submit a report to the Legislature every two years beginning on October 15, 2023.

Status: Pending referral in the Senate.

AB 1856 (Medina) Community colleges: part-time employees.

Would increase the number of instructional hours that a part-time community college faculty member may teach at one district from 67% to 85% of a full-time assignment.

Status: Pending referral in the Senate.

AB 1913 (Bryan) Los Angeles Community College District: California Center for Climate Change Education.

Would establish the California Center for Climate Change Education, as part of the Los Angeles Community College District, to promote climate change education at the CCCs.

Status: Referred to the Senate Education Committee.

AB 1919 (Holden) Transportation: free student transit passes.

Would, upon an appropriation, create the Youth Transit Pass Pilot Program to provide free transit passes for individuals under the age of 25.

Status: Pending referral in the Senate.

AB 1942 (Muratsuchi) Instructional service agreements with public safety agencies.

Would require instruction provided by districts under instructional service agreements with public safety agencies to be funded under the apportionment formula used for instruction in career development and college preparation courses.

Status: Referred to the Senate Education Committee.

AB 1958 (M. Fong) Community College Student Access, Retention, and Debt Cancellation Program.

Would establish the Community College Student Access, Retention, and Debt Cancellation Program to support efforts to increase student retention rates and enrollment by engaging former community college students who may have withdrawn from a community college due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Status: Pending referral in the Senate.

AB 1998 (Smith) Community colleges: nonresident tuition fees: Western Undergraduate Exchange.

Would authorize the Board of Governors to enter into the Western Undergraduate Exchange and allow certain community college districts to exempt certain out-of-state students from the mandatory nonresident fee requirement.

Status: Pending referral in the Senate.

AB 2045 (Jones-Sawyer) Personnel commissions: ranked groups.

Would require, upon approval of action by the personnel commission of a community college district to hold an election, classified employees to determine by majority vote if applicants for a vacancy to be placed on eligibility lists in ranked groups according to their relative merit as determined by competitive examinations.

Status: Pending referral in the Senate.

AB 2058 (O'Donnell) Career Technical Education Incentive Grant Program: Strong Workforce Program.

Would consolidate specified K-12 career technical education programs, increase ongoing funding for the Career Technical Education Incentive Grant program to \$450 million per year, and delete authorization for the K-12 Strong Workforce Program.

Status: Pending referral in the Senate.

AB 2122 (Choi) Mental health hotlines: student identification cards.

Would authorize the CCCs, CSU, and UC to establish a campus mental health hotline for students to access mental health services remotely and require each campus with a mental health hotline to print the number of the hotline on student identification cards.

Status: Referred to the Senate Education Committee.

AB 2232 (McCarty) School facilities: heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems.

Would require all K-12 schools, CCC, CSU, and UC campuses to ensure that facilities that have heating, ventilation, and air condition (HVAC) systems meet specified minimum ventilation rate requirement.

Status: Pending referral in the Senate.

AB 2266 (Santiago) California College Promise: fee waiver eligibility.

Would remove, for the purpose of determining eligibility for the California College Promise (AB 19), the qualification that students be first-time students and would make certain returning students eligible for the fee waiver.

Status: Pending referral in the Senate.

AB 2341 (Medina) California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009: complaint processing contracts.

Would authorize a public institution of higher education, including those established by another state that provides in-person instruction at a physical location in California, to contract with the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education to review and act on complaints concerning the institution, thereby allowing California students attending these institutions to access federal financial aid.

Status: Referred to the Senate Business, Professions, and Economic Development Committee.

AB 2359 (Gipson) Compton Community College District: personnel commission.

Would restore the powers of the Compton Community College District Personnel Commission one year after the district has repaid its loan from the state instead of the current date of 2029.

Status: Pending referral in the Senate.

AB 2413 (Carrillo) Classified school and community college employees: disciplinary hearings: compensation.

Would allow a classified community college employee who is not subject to binding arbitration in their collective bargaining agreement to retain their pay during a personnel investigation appeal.

Status: Referred to the Senate Labor, Public Employment, and Retirement.

AB 2425 (Bryan) Community colleges: Hire UP: From Corrections to Career Pilot Program.

Would establish the Hire UP: From Corrections to Career Pilot Program, administered by the Chancellor's Office, to enter into agreements with up to 10 community college districts to provide funding for stipends to formerly incarcerated individuals.

Status: Pending referral in the Senate.

AB 2459 (Cervantes) Student housing: data collection.

Would require UCs, CSUs, and CCCs campuses that provide student housing to post specified data regarding availability of student housing on the first day of every other month.

Status: Pending referral in the Senate.

AB 2482 (Calderon) Student health: pilot program: wellness vending machines.

Would create a pilot program, until July 1, 2029, that would require the CSU and CCCs to establish at least one vending machine that dispenses wellness products, as defined, at five campuses of their respective segments.

Status: Pending referral in the Senate.

AB 2617 (Holden) College and Career Access Pathways partnerships: best practices: communication and marketing strategy.

Would appropriate \$500 million to the State Department of Education, in consultation with the Chancellor's Office, to administer a competitive grant program to enable schools to provide dual enrollment opportunities.

Status: Referred to the Senate Education Committee.

AB 2683 (Gabriel) Postsecondary education: sexual violence and harassment: training and resources.

Would, beginning September 1, 2024, and each year thereafter, require a postsecondary institution to annually train its students on sexual violence and sexual harassment, including the differing rates at which students experience sexual harassment and sexual assault based on their race, sexual orientation, disability, gender, and gender identity.

Status: Referred to the Senate Education Committee.

AB 2738 (Reyes) Community colleges: matriculation: assessment.

Would require, by January 1, 2024, each community college district to make available the schedule of courses that must be completed to obtain, and the number of academic years or equivalent that it takes to obtain, each associate degree and certificate. This bill would also require, by January 1, 2024, districts to offer each course required for the completion of each associate degree and certificate within two years.

Status: Referred to the Senate Education Committee.

AB 2747 (Nazarian) Tuition and fees: Team USA student athletes.

Would entitle any Team USA athlete who trains in California in an elite level program approved by the United State Olympic and Paralympic Committee to resident classification for tuition purposes.

Status: Referred to the Senate Education Committee.

AB 2810 (Arambula) CalFresh: student eligibility: Federal Application for Student Aid data.

States legislative intent to codify federal administrative guidance encouraging higher education institutions to use Federal Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) data to inform students of eligibility for CalFresh and would require the CSU and CCCs to use FAFSA data to identify students who meet the income requirements of the CalFresh program.

Status: Referred to the Senate Education Committee.

AB 2881 (Berman) Students with dependent children.

Would require public institutions of higher education to grant priority enrollment to student parents and ensure students have specified information to enroll in the California Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC).

Status: Referred to the Senate Education Committee.

AB 2973 (Higher Education) Postsecondary education: omnibus bill.

Would make several technical and conforming changes within the Education Code, including revising the mission of the community colleges to include the provision of instruction and additional learning supports to close learning gaps and updating specified references of “remedial” to “pretransfer-level.”

Status: Referred to the Senate Education Committee.

SB 20 (Dodd) Student eligibility for CalFresh benefits.

Would require the California Student Aid Commission to notify California College Promise Grant students that they may also be eligible for CalFresh benefits.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

SB 367 (Hurtado) Opioid overdose reversal medication.

Would require each public higher education institution to provide educational and preventive information regarding opioid overdose as part of established campus

orientations and require each campus health center to apply to use the statewide standing order issued by the State Public Health Officer to distribute dosages of opioid reversal medication.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

SB 851 (Portantino) Cal Grant Program: independent institutions of higher education.

Would, commencing with the 2022-23 award year, restructure the formula for determining the maximum Cal Grant award for independent institutions of higher education, conditioned on the achievement of associate degree for transfer (ADT) targets, and expand Cal Grant awards to students attending those institutions.

Status: Pending referral in the Assembly.

SB 874 (Cortese) Classified school district and community college employees: probation: promotion.

Would clarify that a classified employee of a merit school district or community college district may return to their previous classification if they are promoted but do not pass the probation for that promotional position.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Public Employment and Retirement Committee.

SB 886 (Wiener) California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: public universities: housing projects.

Would exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act a university housing development carried out by a public university on real property owned by the public university if the project meets certain requirements.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Natural Resources Committee.

SB 893 (Becker) San Mateo County Community College District: California College Promise.

Would authorize the San Mateo County Community College District to charge students an enrollment fee of less than \$46 per unit per semester and authorize the district to use existing funds for the implementation of the California College Promise.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

SB 964 (Wiener) Behavioral health.

Would require the CCCs, CSU, and UC to develop two accelerated programs of study related to associate's degrees, bachelor's degrees, and master's degrees in social work.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Health Committee.

SB 1080 (Min) College and career fairs.

Would require a school district or school that chooses to hold a college or career fair to notify each community college district that has overlapping jurisdiction with the school district or school of a college or career fair the school district or school is planning to hold.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Education Committee.

SB 1308 (Caballero) Purchase of nondomestic agricultural food products.

Would prohibit, with certain exceptions, public postsecondary educational institutions and school districts from purchasing agricultural products that are grown, packed, or processed outside of the United States.

Status: Pending referral in the Assembly.

SB 1351 (Durazo) California Youth Apprenticeship Program.

Would establish the California Youth Apprenticeship Program for the purpose of awarding grant funds to eligible applicants to develop new apprenticeship programs or expand existing apprenticeship programs to serve individuals from 16 to 24 years of age who are at risk of disconnection or are disconnected from the education system or employment.

Status: Pending referral in the Assembly.

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