

State Policy and Advocacy Update

STATE ADVOCACY OVERVIEW

On April 19, the Chancellor's Office held an in-person Advocacy Day just outside its headquarters located in downtown Sacramento. Throughout the day, Board of Governors members, Chancellor's Office staff, and students met with legislators to advocate for our 2022 budget and legislative priorities, elevate the significant economic impact of our system, and express our gratitude for their ongoing support. We urged lawmakers to invest in our system by fully funding the Governor's roadmap to achieve 70% postsecondary degree and certificate attainment among working-age Californians by 2030, and support policies that would address the true total cost of success and make college more affordable for undocumented students. The event culminated with a block party that featured several speeches and remarks celebrating the role and impact of the California Community Colleges (CCCs) in advancing social and economic opportunity for more than 1.8 million students.

Assembly Bill (AB) 1705 Advocacy

On April 26, the Assembly Higher Education Committee unanimously passed AB 1705 (Irwin), which would build upon existing equitable placement practices by strengthening the requirement to utilize research and data when determining a student's placement and concurrent support. Vice Chancellor of Educational Services and Support, Dr. Aisha Lowe testified in support of this legislation and emphasized the need to dismantle structural barriers that continue to limit student access to transfer-level courses.

As follow-up legislation to AB 705 (Irwin, 2017), AB 1705 clarifies that students with a major, degree, or certificate that requires transfer-level courses are to be directly placed and enrolled within those gateway courses, which offer them the best opportunity to succeed and complete their educational goal. An analysis of AB 1705 is included as an attachment to this item.

Assembly Bill 1746 Advocacy

The Chancellor's Office is proud to support AB 1746 (Medina), which would streamline the Cal Grant program and expand access for more than 100,000 community college students, making our state financial aid system more equitable. AB 1746 unanimously passed the Assembly Higher Education Committee on April 19. We submitted a joint support letter with the Community College League of California (CCLC) to the Assembly Higher Education Committee and budget subcommittees. Our office is a part of a coalition of financial aid reform advocates including various colleges and districts, statewide student associations, higher education advocacy organizations, civil rights organizations, and business and philanthropy partners calling for the adoption of the Cal Grant Equity Framework.

Senate Bill (SB) 1141 Advocacy

The Chancellor's Office, in partnership with Immigrants Rising, is co-sponsoring SB 1141 (Limón) to remove time-consuming and cost-prohibitive barriers that limit college access

for our undocumented students. This legislation would expand the nonresident tuition exemption included in AB 540 (Firebaugh, 2001) by eliminating the two-year cap on credit courses and making a conforming change to lower the numbers of years required to obtain eligibility. The Senate Education Committee unanimously passed SB 1141 in March and the legislation has been referred to the Senate Appropriations Suspense File. The Chancellor's Office continues to engage in coalition building by hosting advocacy calls, developing talking points and advocacy materials, and conducting direct outreach to colleges and other system partners.

STATE LEGISLATION OVERVIEW

To date, we have identified 195 bills that have an impact on higher education or the Chancellor's Office. Of these bills, 78 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).

Since the last Consultation Council update in April, the Chancellor's Office has taken a **Support** position on AB 1764 (Medina), AB 2624 (Kalra), and AB 2627 (Bauer-Kahan). Analyses for these bills are included as attachments to this item. Overall, we have a **Sponsor** position on two bills, a **Support** position on 13 bills, and an **Oppose** position on one bill.

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. The Chancellor's Office may take positions on additional bills after the first house deadline on May 27.

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

NEW BILLS WITH A POLICY POSITION

AB 1764 (Medina) Student housing: survey.

Would require the CCCs, University of California (UC), and California State University (CSU) to collect data on student housing insecurity at each of their respective campuses and submit a report to the Legislature on or before October 15, 2023. This bill also exempts community college housing projects from the Field Act.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Appropriations Suspense File.

Position: **Support**

Principle: **Facilities**

AB 2624 (Kalra) Public postsecondary education: course materials.

Would require the CCCs, CSU, and UC to prominently display the estimated costs of all required course material for no less than 75% of the total number of courses on the online campus schedule.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Position: **Support**

Principle: **Basic Needs**

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 Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Position: **Support**

Principle: **Data Sharing**

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 Senate Appropriations Suspense File.

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 Education 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 Education 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 Education 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 Education Committee.

Position: **Support**

Principle: **Special Student Populations**

AB 1705 (Irwin) Seymour-Campbell Student Success Act of 2012: matriculation: assessment.

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 Assembly Appropriations 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: Referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

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 Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Position: **Support**

Principle: **Equitable Classroom Environment**

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 Assembly Appropriations 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: Pending referral in the Assembly

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: Referred to the Senate Appropriations Suspense File.

Position: **Support**

Principle: **Special Student Populations**

TWO-YEAR BILLS UNDER REVIEW

AB 295 (Jones-Sawyer) Public postsecondary education: 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 attending postsecondary education in California.

Status: Referred to the Senate Education Committee.

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

Would require the CSU, and request the 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 Education Committee.

AB 778 (E. Garcia) Purchase of California-grown agricultural food products.

Would require all California state-owned or state-run institutions, including public universities and colleges and school districts, to only purchase agricultural products grown in California unless the product is not available from an in-state source.

Status: Referred to the Senate Governmental Organization 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 Education 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 15% 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 Education 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 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: Pending referral in the Assembly.

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: Pending referral in the Assembly.

LEGISLATION UNDER REVIEW

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: Referred to the Assembly Appropriations Suspense File.

AB 1606 (Ramos) Veterans: waiver of mandatory systemwide tuition and fees.

Would change the income qualifications for fee waivers provided to dependents of veterans to be based on area median income instead of national poverty level and expand the definition of dependents of veterans.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

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: Pending referral in the Senate.

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: Referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 1712 (Medina) Campus climate: sexual misconduct: workgroup: survey.

Would require the CCCs, CSU, and UC to develop a campus climate and sexual misconduct survey, provide the survey to students beginning on March 1, 2024, and every three years thereafter, and report the results to the governing board of each institution.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 1719 (Ward) Teacher Housing Act of 2016: faculty and community college district employees.

Would authorize a community college district to establish and implement programs that address the housing needs of community college faculty and employees.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

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 1752 (Santiago) Community colleges: part-time employees.

Would require persons who are employed to teach adult or community college classes part-time to receive compensation in at least an amount that bears the same ratio to the amount provided to full-time employees with comparable duties relative to time spent.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Appropriations Suspense File.

AB 1844 (Medina) Higher Education Student and Faculty Protection Act.

Would require the UC, CSU, and CCCs to take certain actions before extending an official offer of employment to an applicant, including requesting that an applicant sign a statement declaring whether the applicant is the subject of any findings of sexual harassment.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

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: Referred to the Assembly Appropriations Suspense File.

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

California Community Colleges and establish opportunities for students to engage in hands-on internships and other learning opportunities.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Appropriations Suspense File.

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

Would require colleges to maintain their funding for free or reduced fare youth transit as provided in the 2018-19 fiscal year and require transit agencies to offer free transit passes to all persons 25 years of age and under in order to be eligible for state funding.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Appropriations Suspense File.

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 Assembly Appropriations Suspense File.

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: Referred to the Assembly Appropriations Suspense File.

AB 1987 (Salas) Postsecondary education: student mental health spending: report.

Would require the UC, CSU, and CCCs to submit an annual report by March 1 to the Department of Finance and the Legislature on the use of funds allocated for student mental health resources.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Appropriations Suspense File.

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: Referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

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: Referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

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: Referred to the Assembly Appropriations Suspense File.

AB 2122 (Choi) Public postsecondary education: 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 Assembly Floor.

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: Referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 2255 (M. Fong) The Affordable Broadband Service Program for California Dreamers.

Would establish the Affordable Broadband Service Program for California Dreamers, to be developed and administered by the Student Aid Commission in consultation with the Public Utilities Commission, to provide affordable broadband service to eligible students.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Appropriations Suspense File.

AB 2263 (Villapudua) Golden State Apprenticeship and Vocational Training Emergency Assistance Grant Program.

Would, upon an appropriation, establish the Golden State Apprenticeship and Vocational Training Emergency Assistance Grant Program to provide one-time grants to eligible California residents enrolled in a state-approved apprenticeship or vocational program.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Appropriations Suspense File.

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: Referred to the Assembly Appropriations Suspense File.

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 Assembly Appropriations Suspense File.

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 Assembly.

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 Assembly Floor.

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 and the Student Aid Commission, to enter into agreements with up to 10 community college districts to provide funding for stipends to formerly incarcerated individuals.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Appropriations Suspense File.

AB 2456 (McCarty) Cal Grant Program: student eligibility.

Would require students who accelerate college attendance and receive a Cal Grant award for coursework taken during a summer term, session, or quarter to enroll in 30 or more semester units, or the equivalent, in that academic year.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 2459 (Cervantes) Postsecondary education: 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 month.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

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: Referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 2491 (Cervantes) Postsecondary education: cost of attendance: fiscal matters.

Would require public institutions to include certain items in the calculation of a full-time student's cost of attendance.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

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 office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, to administer a competitive grant program to enable schools to provide dual enrollment opportunities.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Appropriations Suspense File.

AB 2652 (McCarty) Student Aid Commission: California Dream Act applicants: Food Support Pilot Program.

Would, until May 1, 2028, require the Student Aid Commission to establish a state-funded Food Support Pilot Program to provide California Food Assistance Program benefits to students who submit a California Dream Act application.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Appropriations 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 Assembly Floor.

AB 2738 (Reyes) Public postsecondary education: 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 Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 2747 (Nazarian) Public postsecondary education: 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 Assembly Appropriations Suspense File.

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

States legislative intent to codify federal administrative guidance encouraging higher education institutions to use 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 Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 2881 (Berman) Public postsecondary education: 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 Assembly Appropriations 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 Assembly Appropriations 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: Referred to the Senate Appropriations Suspense File.

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 Senate Floor.

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 Senate Appropriations Suspense File.

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 Senate Floor.

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 Senate Appropriations 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: Pending referral in the Assembly.

SB 1160 (Durazo) Public postsecondary education: exemption from nonresident tuition.

Would expand AB 540 to include students who are in the United States on nonimmigrant visas, including international students.

Status: Referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

SB 1308 (Caballero) Public educational institutions: purchase of nondomestic agricultural food products.

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

Status: Referred to the Senate Appropriations Suspense File.

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 unhoused, in the child welfare or juvenile justice system or criminal justice system, living in concentrated poverty, or are facing barriers to labor market participation.

Status: Referred to the Senate Appropriations Suspense File.

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