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ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

AB 1786 (Cervantes) Academic credit for prior learning experience

This bill amends Section 66025.7 of the Education Code.

AB 1786 requires the Chancellor, by March 31, 2019, to establish an initiative to expand the use of credit for prior learning at California Community Colleges. The initiative will identify best practices, locate and collect available resources, and provide professional development. The Chancellor is required to submit a report to Legislature by January 1, 2020.

For the text of this bill:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB1786

AB 1805 (Irwin) Community colleges: Placement policies

This bill adds Section 78221.5 to the Education Code.

As a condition for receiving funding, pursuant to the Student Equity and Achievement Program, AB 1805 requires a community college to provide public notice of its policies regarding the placement of students. Notice information must include a college's placement policies regarding: 1) threshold scores required on specified assessments; 2) requisite grades in specific high school courses, and 3) recommendations by an instructor or counselor. This bill requires each college to report their student placement policies, results, and information concerning justifications for students placed in below transfer-level math and English courses to the Chancellor's Office annually. This bill also requires the Chancellor's Office to publicly post outcome data or make this information available upon request.

For the text of this bill:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB1805

AB 2850 (Rubio) Nurse assistant training programs: online or distance learning

This bill amends Sections 1337.1 and 1337.3 of, and adds Sections 1337.15 and 1337.16 to the Health and Safety Code.

AB 2850 authorizes online or distance learning classes to meet the 60 hours of required classroom training for certified nurse assistants. Requires that online or distance learning classes be approved by the Department of Public Health. Requires distance learning and online nurse assistant training programs to meet specified requirements.

For the text of this bill:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB2850

AB 2894 (Gloria) Students called to active duty during term

This bill adds Chapter 2.7 (commencing with Section 99130) to Part 65 of Division 14 of Title 3 of the Education Code.

AB 2894 provides that, subject to applicable federal, state, and institutional refund and withdrawal policies, a student called to active military duty during an academic term may:

- 1) Withdraw from the institution with a full refund;
- 2) Request that the instructor assign a grade for the course based on the work the student has completed, if at least 75% of the term has been completed; or,
- 3) If the faculty member assigns a grade of Incomplete for the student's coursework, the student has a minimum of 4 weeks after returning to the institution to complete the course requirements, as prescribed.

For the text of this bill:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB2894

SB 577 (Dodd) Community College Teacher Credentialing Partnership Pilot Program

This bill amends Section 44259 of, and adds Article 5 (commencing with Section 78060) to Chapter 1 of Part 48 of Division 7 of Title 3 of the Education Code.

SB 577 establishes the California Community College (CCC) Teacher Credentialing Partnership Pilot Program and requires the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, in coordination with the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, to award \$500,000 grants each to three collaboratives, selected based on specified priority criteria. It requires the collaboratives to have one or more teacher-credentialing higher education institutions, with a physical presence in this state, collaborating with one or more community colleges to offer teacher-credential degree programs on community college campuses. Awarding of these grants is contingent upon funding provided for this purpose in the annual budget.

For the text of this bill:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB577

SB 1071 (Roth) California Community Colleges: credit for prior military education

This bill adds Section 66025.71 to the Education Code.

SB 1071 requires, by September 1, 2019, the Chancellor in collaboration with the Academic Senate to develop a consistent policy to award military personnel and veterans who have an official Joint Services Transcript course credit for California Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum, California State University General Education Breadth, or local community college general education requirements. The bill also requires, by December 31, 2020, each community college district to have a policy consistent with the policy developed by the Chancellor.

For the text of this bill, please see:

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB1071

SB 1406 (Hill) Community college baccalaureate degree pilot program

This bill amends Sections 78041, 78042, and 78043 of the Education Code

SB 1406 extends Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program by repealing the requirement in current law that calls for a student participating in a program to complete his or her degree program by the end of the 2022-23 academic year. This bill requires a participant to commence his or her degree program by the beginning of the 2022-23 academic year, and extends the July 1, 2023, inoperative date and the January 1, 2026 repeal date by three years. Finally, the bill changes the due date for the Legislative Analyst's final evaluation report from July 1, 2022 to July 1, 2021.

For the text of this bill, please see:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB1406

AFFORDABILITY

AB 1858 (Calderon) Student financial aid: Financial Aid Shopping Sheet

This bill amends Section 69514 of, and adds Sections 66021.3 and 94912.5 to, the Education Code.

AB 1858 adds a provision to the Donahoe Higher Education Act that requires public and private California colleges and universities to use the Financial Aid Shopping Sheet as developed by the U.S. Department of Education. It also requires the California Student Aid Commission to develop, in consultation with the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education, a similar form in the event that the Shopping Sheet is no longer available. Finally, it specifies that the form shall provide information including grant and scholarship opportunities and net costs associated with attendance at a college or university.

For the text of this bill, please see:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB1858

AB 1961 (Choi) Postsecondary education: student housing and meal plans

This bill adds Section 69503.6 to the Education Code.

AB 1961 requires each institution of higher education receiving state financial aid funds to list the cost of institution-operated housing and meal plans on all Internet Web sites and documents it provides to students for purposes of advertising.

For the text of this bill, please see:

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB1961

AB 2210 (McCarty) Refugees and SIV holders: exemption from nonresident tuition

This bill adds Section 68075.65 to the Education Code.

AB 2210 requires each community college campus to post on its website a notice indicating which refugee or holders of special immigrant visas are exempt from paying nonresident tuition as per Education Code Section 68075.6.

For the text of this bill, please see:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB2210

AB 2248 (McCarty) Student financial aid: Cal Grant program

This bill adds Section 69432.95 to the Education Code.

AB 2248 requires the California Student Aid Commission and higher education institutions awarding Cal Grants to notify students of the four-year limit for Cal Grant awards and the need to take 15 units per semester or 30 units per year to complete a degree in four years. AB 2248 also requires notification to occur as part of an initial or the renewal of a Cal Grant award, a new student orientation, a financial aid recipient's annual registration, and in cases where a student registers online for fewer than 15 units. Additionally, AB 2248 requires a student registering online, taking fewer than 15 semester units or the equivalent quarter units, receive the above-specified information with a check box to acknowledge receipt of the provided information.

For the text of this bill, please see:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB2248

AB 2554 (Bonta) Tuition and fee exemption: surviving child or spouse of federal firefighter

This bill amends Section 68120 of the Education Code.

AB 2554 extends an existing exemption from mandatory tuition and fees at community colleges for a surviving spouse or child of a California firefighter killed in the performance of duties to include survivors of a federally employed firefighter whose regular assignment was in California.

For the text of this bill, please see:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB2554

AB 2722 (Medina) Student financial aid: Military Department GI Bill Award Program

This bill amends Sections 69999.10, 69999.12, 69999.14, 69999.16, 69999.18, 69999.20, and 69999.24 of, amends the heading of Article 20.7 (commencing with Section 69999.10) of Chapter 2 of Part 42 of Division 5 of Title 3 of, and repeals Sections 69999.26 and 69999.30 of the Education Code.

AB 2722 changes the name of the “California National Guard Education Assistance Award Program” to the “Military Department GI Bill Award Program,” provides that an award may be used to obtain a baccalaureate, graduate or doctoral degree, and removes the sunset on this program.

For the text of this bill, please see:

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201820180AB2722

AB 2990 (Low) Tuition and fee exemption notice: qualifying survivors of deceased public safety and fire suppression personnel

This bill adds Section 68120.7 to the Education Code.

AB 2990 requires each campus of the California Community Colleges, California State Universities, and the Universities of California to place a link on the campus website describing the availability of an exemption from mandatory tuition and systemwide fees for an eligible surviving dependent of a deceased firefighter or law enforcement officer.

For the text of this bill, please see:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB2990

AB 3089 (Thurmond) Student financial aid: Chafee grant awards

This bill amends Section 69519 of the Education Code.

AB 3089 authorizes the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) to provide Chafee grant awards to current and former foster youth students as long as they are not 26 years of age or older by July 1 of the award year; and authorizes CSAC to use funds on outreach for potential Chafee Grantees.

For the text of this bill, please see:

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billCompareClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB3089

ADMINISTRATION AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

AB 748 (Ting) Peace officers: video and audio recordings: disclosure

This bill amends Section 6254 of the Government Code.

AB 748, commencing July 1, 2019, authorizes a law enforcement agency to withhold an audio or video recording that relates to a critical incident only if disclosure would substantially interfere with an active investigation or under other specified circumstances.

For the text of this bill, please see:

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB748

AB 2327 (Quirk) Peace officers: misconduct: employment

This bill adds Section 832.12 to the Penal Code.

AB 2327 requires each law enforcement agency to make and retain a record of any investigations of misconduct involving a peace officer. This bill also requires a peace officer seeking employment with an agency to give written permission for the agency to view his or her general personnel file.

For the text of this bill, please see:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billAnalysisClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB2327

SB 1421 (Skinner) Peace officers: release of records

This bill amends Sections 832.7 and 832.8 of the Penal Code.

SB 1421 permits inspection of peace officer records pursuant to the California Public Records Act (CPRA). Records subject to CPRA must be related to incidents involving the discharge of a firearm or electronic control weapon by an officer, incidents involving strikes of impact weapons or projectiles to the head or neck area, incidents of deadly force or serious bodily injury by an officer, incidents of sustained sexual assault by an officer, or incidents relating to sustained findings of dishonesty by a peace officer.

For the text of this bill, please see:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB1421

DATA, RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY

AB 2098 (McCarty) Adult Education Block Grant Program: immigration integration

This bill amends Sections 84917 and 84920 of the Education Code.

AB 2098 requires the Chancellor and the Superintendent of Public Instruction, with input from the Statewide Director of Immigrant Integration and adult education program providers, to identify common measures for meeting the needs of immigrant and refugee adults seeking integration; define the specific data each adult education consortium may collect, and establish a menu of common assessments and policies regarding placement of adults seeking immigrant integration by July 1, 2019.

For the text of this bill, please see:

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB2098

AB 2192 (Stone) State-funded research: grant requirements

This bill amends Sections 13989.2, 13989.4, and 13989.6 of, and repeals Section 13989.8 of, the Government Code.

AB 2192 requires state grant recipients, including grants from the Chancellor's Office, to ensure free public access to any publication of a peer reviewed manuscript describing state-agency-funded knowledge, a state agency-funded invention, or state-agency-funded technology.

For the text of this bill, please see:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB2192

AB 2813 (Irwin) California Cybersecurity Center

This bill adds Section 8586.5 to the Government Code.

AB 2813 establishes the California Cybersecurity Integration Center (Cal-CSIC) within the Office of Emergency Services. Cal-CSIC's mission is to reduce the likelihood and severity of cyber incidents that could damage California's economy or public and private sector computer networks in the state. A representative of the California Community Colleges is a required member of Cal-CSIC.

For the text of this bill, please see:

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB2813

AB 3101 (Carrillo) Community colleges: CCC Apply

This bill adds Sections 68086 and 71030 to the Education Code.

AB 3101 requires the Chancellor, on or before July 31, 2019, to revise the CCC Apply application and enrollment process, only asking students to submit data required by the federal government, or which is necessary as determined by the Chancellor. AB 3101 also creates an exemption for students seeking to enroll exclusively in noncredit courses at a community college from the residency classification requirements.

For the text of this bill, please see:

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB3101

ELECTIONS

AB 2449 (Arambula) Governing boards: elections

This bill amends Sections 1007, 1009, 5017, and 72027 of the Education Code.

AB 2449 changes the start of community college Board of Trustees' member terms of office from the first Friday in December to the second Friday in December. Current Education Code requires new board members be seated on the last Friday in November or the first Friday in December. This conflicts with Elections Code that requires county election officials to complete their vote counts up to 30 days after the election. Moving to the second Friday in December ensures that vote counting will be complete before a board member takes their seat.

For the text of this bill, please see:

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB2449

SB 1018 (Allen) Elections: state and local reapportionment

This bill amends Sections 23000, 23001, 23002, and 23003 of, and adds Section 23004 to, the Elections Code.

SB 1018 permits school districts, community college districts, and special districts to create an advisory, hybrid, or independent redistricting commission. Allowing districts to create redistricting commissions will streamline the redistricting process and bring more transparency. Cities and counties were granted this authority in 2016.

For the text of this bill, please see:

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB1018

FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT AND CONTRACTS

AB 1766 (Maienschein) Swimming pools: public safety

This bill amends Section 116045 of, amends the heading of Article 5 (commencing with Section 116025) of Chapter 5 of Part 10 of Division 104 of, and adds Section 116046 to, the Health and Safety Code.

AB 1766 requires every public swimming pool that is required to provide lifeguard services and charges a direct fee, to provide on its premises an Automated External Defibrillator unit. This requirement takes effect on January 1, 2019.

For the text of this bill, please see:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB1766

AB 2249 (Cooley) Public contracts: local agencies: alternative procedure

This bill amends Sections 22020, 22032, and 22034 of the Public Contract Code.

AB 2249 increases bid limits for public agencies participating in the Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (UPCCAA) as follows:

- Increase bid limits for employees of a public agency by force account, negotiated contract, or negotiated purchase order with a contractor from \$45,000 to \$60,000.
- Increase bid limits for public projects that can be contracted through informal procedures from \$175,000 to \$200,000.
- Increase bid limits for public projects that must be contracted through formal procedures to \$200,000.

Currently over fifty community college districts have opted into UPCCAA. The new bid limits go into effect on January 1, 2019.

For the text of this bill, please see:

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB2249

AB 2762 (Carrillo) Contracts: disabled veteran and small business: social enterprises

This bill amends Section 2002 of, and to add and repeal Section 2003 of, the Public Contract Code.

AB 2762 increases the maximum value of a small business procurement preference used by a local agency when awarding a contract from 5% to 7% and sets a maximum financial value of \$150,000. This bill also authorizes local agencies in the Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Lake, Los Angeles, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, and Sonoma to establish a disabled veteran business preference and a social enterprise preference for use in a public contract with a maximum percentage value of no more than 15% and a maximum financial value of no more than \$200,000.

For the text of this bill, please see:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB2762

AB 2785 (Rubio) Student services: lactation accommodations

This bill adds Section 66271.9 to the Education Code.

AB 2785 requires community colleges to provide reasonable accommodations to a lactating student on their respective campuses to express breast milk, breast-feed an infant child, or address other needs related to breast-feeding. A sink must be installed in facility projects (replacement, expansion, renovation or new construction) costing \$5 million or more for the purpose of lactation accommodations.

For the text of this bill, please see:

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB2785

AB 2954 (Bonta) School districts: taxes: uniformity requirement: unimproved property

This bill amends Section 50079 of the Government Code.

AB 2954 allows school districts and community college districts to impose a parcel tax with a lower rate on unimproved property. Other local government entities are currently allowed to impose a lower parcel tax on unimproved property.

For the text of this bill, please see:

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB2954

AB 3186 (Medina) University of California: Community Colleges: best value contracts

This bill amends Sections 10507.8 and 20651.7 of the Public Contract Code.

AB 3186 extends indefinitely the use of best value procurement by the University of California and community college districts. Best value procurement allows districts to avoid the lowest responsible

bidder method and pay a higher cost up front to achieve future savings. For example, procuring energy saving light bulbs may cost more initially but will result in energy cost savings. AB 3186 also removes reporting requirements that were preventing districts from utilizing best value procurement.

For the text of this bill, please see:

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB3186

SB 237 (Hertzberg) Electricity: direct transactions

This bill amends Section 365.1 of the Public Utilities Code.

SB 237 allows nonresidential customers, including colleges and universities, to purchase energy at a lower price. This bill requires the California Public Utilities Commission to increase the current cap on “Direct Access” energy agreements and to provide recommendations to the Legislature by June 2020 on further program expansion.

For the text of this bill, please see:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB237

SB 877 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review) Budget trailer bill: State Government

This bill amends Sections 1771.1 and 1773.3 of the Labor Code, and adds Chapter 11 (commencing with Section 19150) to Part 2 of Division 2 of the Public Contract Code, and amends Section 2 of Chapter 527 of the Statutes of 2013.

SB 877 allows a state or local agency awarding a public works contract under an emergency no-bid procedure to notify the Department of Industrial Relations of the award within 30 days of the award of the contract, or by the last day on which a contractor is employed under the contract. This bill also requires a worker employed by an unregistered contractor on a public works project affected by a work stoppage order issued by the Labor Commissioner to be paid by their employer at the prevailing wage rate for any time lost due to a work stoppage for up to 10 days.

For the text of this bill, please see:

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB877

SB 1227 (Skinner) Density bonuses: student housing

This bill amends Section 65915 of the Government Code.

SB 1227 requires cities and counties to grant a density bonus when an applicant for a housing development of five or more units seeks and agrees to construct a project that will contain at least 20% of the total units for lower-income students in a student housing development. Density bonuses allow a developer to build more units than local zoning laws permit in exchange for including affordable housing. SB 1227 creates a density bonus that is specifically for college students.

For the text of this bill, please see:

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB1227

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

AB 1976 (Limón) Employment: lactation accommodation

This bill amends Section 1031 of the Labor Code.

AB 1976 requires employers to make reasonable efforts to provide an employee wishing to express breast milk in private with an area in close proximity to their workspace that is not a bathroom.

For the text of this bill, please see:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billAnalysisClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB1976

AB 2012 (Medina) School and community college employees: parental leave

This bill amends Sections 44977.5, 45196.1, 87780.1, and 88196.1 of the Education Code

AB 2012 requires a person employed in a position requiring certification qualifications, a person employed in an academic position, or a classified employee to receive no less than 50% of his or her regular salary for the remaining portion of the 12-workweek period of parental leave, regardless of the type of differential pay system used by the school district or community college district.

For the text of this bill, please see:

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB2012

AB 2052 (Bonta) State Teachers' Retirement System: contributions due to system: form

This bill adds Sections 23001.5 and 26301.7 to the Education Code

AB 2052 requires contributions due to the California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) by an employer under the Defined Benefit and Cash Balance Benefit programs to be paid by an electronic funds transfer method.

For the text of this bill, please see:

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB2052

AB 2160 (Thurmond) School and community colleges: part-time playground positions

This bill amends Sections 45256, 88003, and 88076 of the Education Code.

AB 2160 ends the exemption of part time playground positions from the classified service in both school districts and community colleges.

For the text of this bill, please see:

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB2160

AB 2282 (Eggman) Salary history information

This bill amends Sections 432.3 and 1197.5 of the Labor Code.

AB 2282 defines "pay scale," "reasonable request," and "applicant" for purposes of using salary history in hiring and clarifies that an employer may ask a candidate what their salary expectation is. Additionally, this bill authorizes an employer to make a compensation decision based on an employee's current salary as long as any wage differential is justified by factors such as a seniority or merit system.

For the text of this bill, please see:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billAnalysisClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB2282

AB 2770 (Irwin) Privileged: communications by former employer: sexual harassment

This bill amends Section 47 of the Civil Code.

AB 2770 codifies California defamation case law as it relates to allegations of workplace sexual harassment:

- Employees who report sexual harassment to their employer are not liable for any resulting injury to the alleged harasser's reputation.
- Communications between employers and victims or witnesses are not liable for any resulting damage to the alleged harasser's reputation.
- Former employers are not liable for any resulting injury to a former employee's reputation if the former employer indicates that they would not rehire the former employee for committing sexual harassment.

For the text of this bill, please see:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billAnalysisClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB2770

AB 2696 (Rodriguez) Public Employees' Retirement System: limited term appointments

This bill amends Section 20480 of the Government Code.

AB 2696 increases the employer penalties to be paid to the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) for violating the 960-hour per fiscal year limit on out-of-class appointments.

For the text of this bill, please see:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billAnalysisClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB2696

SB 820 (Leyva) Settlement agreements: confidentiality

This bill adds Section 1001 to the Code of Civil Procedure.

SB 820 prohibits a provision within a settlement agreement that prevents the disclosure of factual information related to sexual assault, sexual harassment, or harassment or discrimination based on sex, that are filed in a civil or administrative action. Plaintiffs in such actions retain the right to request provisions in settlement agreements that shield their identity.

For the text of this bill, please see:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB820

SB 1300 (Jackson) Unlawful employment practices: discrimination and harassment

This bill amends Sections 12940 and 12965 of, and adds Sections 12923, 12950.2, and 12964.5 to, the Government Code.

SB 1300 changes the severe or pervasive standard for sexual harassment claims to allow that a single incident creates a triable issue. This bill also requires that employers provide information to each employee on how and to whom harassment should be reported to, information on how to contact the Department of Fair Employment and Housing to report a violation and prohibits an employer from requiring an employee to sign a non-disparagement agreement that denies disclosure of information relating to sexual harassment.

For the text of this bill, please see:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billAnalysisClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB1300

SB 1343 (Mitchell) Employers: sexual harassment training: requirements

This bill amends Sections 12950 and 12950.1 of the Government Code.

SB 1343 reduces the sexual harassment training requirement threshold from employers with fifty or more employees to employers with five or more employees, including non-supervisory employees, and requires that the Department of Fair Employment and Housing develop an online training course that is available on the Department's Web site.

For the text of this bill, please see:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB1343

SB 1412 (Bradford) Applicants for employment: criminal history

This bill amends Section 432.7 of the Labor Code.

SB 1412 requires employers to only consider convictions relevant to the job that an applicant is applying for when using a criminal background check.

For the text of this bill, please see:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billAnalysisClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB1412

STUDENT SERVICES

AB 1896 (Cervantes) Sexual assault counselor-victim privilege

This bill amends Section 1035.2 of the Evidence Code.

AB 1896 provides that a person who is engaged in sexual assault counseling on the campus of a public or private institution of higher education is a “sexual assault counselor” for purposes of the sexual assault counselor-victim privilege in existing law.

For the text of this bill, please see:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billAnalysisClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB1896

AB 3192 (O’Donnell) LEA Medi-Cal billing option: program guide

This bill amends Section 14115.8 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

AB 3192 requires the Department of Health Care Services, in consultation with the Local Education Agency (LEA) Ad Hoc Workgroup (comprised of K-12 schools and community colleges) and the California Department of Education, to complete a fiscal and compliance audit guide of the LEA Medi-Cal billing option, for distribution by June 30, 2019.

For the text of this bill, please see:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billAnalysisClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB3192

SB 183 (Lara) Educational equity: immigration status

This bill amends Sections 66251, 66260.6, and 66270 of, and adds Section 66270.3 to, the Education Code.

SB 183 would add immigration status as a covered basis under the Equity in Higher Education Act. This bill specifically references immigration status as a protected class from discrimination in California’s public higher education segments.

For the text of this bill, please see:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB183

SB 972 (Portantino) Student ID cards: suicide prevention hotline telephone number

This bill amends the heading of Article 2.5 (commencing with Section 215) of Chapter 2 of Part 1 of Division 1 of Title 1 of, and to add Section 215.5 to, the Education Code.

SB 972, commencing July 1, 2019, requires public and private institutions of higher education, including California Community Colleges, which issues student identification cards to include the-National Suicide Prevention Lifeline telephone number on the back of the card, and may include the Crisis Text Line and a local suicide prevention hotline telephone number. Colleges that have non-compliant cards are allowed to use those until new cards are made.

For the text of this bill, please see:

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB972

SB 1004 (Wiener) Mental Health Services Act: prevention and early intervention

This bill adds a heading to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 5840) of, and adds Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 5840.5) to, Part 3.6 of Division 5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

SB 1004 requires the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission to establish priorities for the use of Mental Health Services Act prevention and early intervention funds, including partnerships with college mental health programs.

For the text of this bill, please see:

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB1004

WORKFORCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

AB 235 (O'Donnell) Apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship

This bill amends Sections 8151, 45263, 51766, 79140, 79144, 79146, 79148, 79149, 79149.2, 81703, 88083, and 88600 of, and amends the heading of Article 3 (commencing with Section 79140) of Chapter 9 of Part 48 of Division 7 of Title 3 of, the Education Code, amends Section 12813 of, and repeals Section 6531 of, the Government Code, amends Section 25536.7 of the Health and Safety Code, and amends Sections 1777.5, 2699.5, 3070, 3071, 3073, 3073.1, 3073.3, 3073.5, 3074, 3075, 3076, 3076.3, 3077, 3078, 3079, 3080, 3081, 3082, 3083, 3084, 3085, 3086, 3089, and 3093 of, amends the heading of Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 3070) of Division 3 of, adds Sections 3071.5, 3073.6, 3073.7, 3078.5, 3080.5, and 3100 to, adds the heading of Article 1 (commencing with Section 3070), the heading of Article 2 (commencing with Section 3075), the heading of Article 3 (commencing with Section 3093), and the heading of Article 4 (commencing with Section 3100) to Chapter 4 of Division 3 of, and repeals Sections 3095, 3097, and 3098 of, the Labor Code.

AB 235 authorizes a two-pronged process for the approval of apprenticeship programs that maintains the current process for the trades and firefighting, and establishes a separate path for programs in newly emerging areas of apprenticeship. This bill also authorizes the Division of Apprenticeship Standards within the Department of Industrial Relations to register pre-apprentices.

For the text of this bill, please see:

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB235

AB 2134 (Rubio) Cosmetology students: externships

This bill amends Sections 7349 and 7395.1 of, and adds Section 7395.2 to, the Business and Professions Code.

AB 2134 expands the State Board of Barbering and Cosmetology's externship program by authorizing a student enrolled in a cosmetology course offered by a public institution or enrolled in an approved barbering program to use unpaid work in a licensed establishment to satisfy the 1600 hour experience requirement.

For the text of this bill, please see:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB2134

AB 2358 (Carrillo) Apprenticeships: discrimination: prohibition

This bill adds Section 3073.9 to the Labor Code.

AB 2358 prohibits discrimination in any building and construction trade apprenticeship program based on race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, age for individuals over forty years of age, military or veteran status, or sexual orientation, with regard to acceptance into, or participation in, the program. This bill also requires:

- The designation of an individual to oversee the commitment to equal opportunity in the program and the maintenance of compliance records.
- The development and implementation of procedures to ensure that its apprentices are not harassed or discriminated against.
- The inclusion of an equal opportunity pledge in its apprenticeship standards and other publications.

For the text of this bill, please see:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billAnalysisClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB2385

AB 2420 (Quirk-Silva) Workforce development: soft skills training

This bill amends Sections 10200, 10201, 10209, and 10214.5 of the Unemployment Insurance Code.

AB 2420 authorizes the Employment Training Panel (ETP) to include “soft skills” (behaviors and competencies to allow people to navigate professional environments) in the type of job-related basic and literacy skills training for which a training contract may be provided.

For the text of this bill, please see:

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB2420

SB 1348 (Pan) Allied health professional clinical programs: reporting

This bill amends Section 94934 of, and adds Section 88826.5 to, the Education Code.

SB 1348 requires, annually beginning on July 1, 2019, for each CCC that offers certificates or degrees in specified allied health programs, the Chancellor’s Office to provide a report to the Legislature including specified information regarding clinical placements.

For the text of this bill, please see:

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB1348

HIGHER EDUCATION OMNIBUS

AB 3255 (Assembly Committee on Higher Education) Postsecondary Omnibus Bill

This bill amends Sections 44230, 66025.9, 68075, 68101, 69432.7, 69439, 69562, 76140, and 84760.5 of, amends and repeals Sections 68130.5 and 89007.7 of, and adds Section 44230.6 to, the Education Code.

AB 3255, the Omnibus Higher Education bill for 2018, revises sections of the Education Code affecting the state’s high education systems and related state agencies. Provisions specific to the California Community Colleges (CCC) include changes to the July 1 annual reporting deadline for the Career Development and College Preparation Report to November 1; as well as the annual deadline for each community college to recommend their nonresident tuition fee rate from February 1 to March 1. AB 3255 allows the Chancellor’s Office to implement a system for residency determination across districts that facilitate cross-college residency information sharing for all students. AB 3255 aligns the definition of "Armed Forces of the United States" in the Education Code to ensure consistency throughout the Code. It includes technical clean up language to SB 68 (Lara), Chapter 496, Statutes of 2017 clarifying that to be eligible for resident tuition specified students must have 3 or more years of full-time attendance at a California elementary school, secondary school or high school, or a combination of attendance at California schools. Finally, this bill adds a Homeless and Foster Student Liaison as an authorized individual who can verify a student’s status as homeless for purposes of determining eligibility for financial aid resources and other services.

For the text of this bill, please see:

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB3255

BILLS OF INTEREST: OTHER AGENCIES AND SEGMENTS

AB 38 (Stone) Student Loan Servicers: Licensing and Regulation

This bill amends Sections 28102, 28104, 28106, 28110, 28114, 28116, 28120, 28122, 28128, 28130, 28134, 28136, 28142, 28144, and 28154 of the Financial Code, and adds Sections 28111, 28117, 28153, and 28153.5 to, and Article 3 to Chapter 2 of Division 12.5 of, the Financial Code.

AB 38 amends the Student Loan Servicing Act (Act) to exempt specified entities that service student loans from the scope of licensure requirements and authorize the Commissioner of the Department of Business Oversight (DBO) to implement additional requirements under the Act.

For the text of this bill, please see:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB38

AB 1062 (Levine) Cross-Enrollment Online Education at the California State University

This bill amends Sections 66760.5, 66764, 89225, and 89226 of the Education Code.

AB 1062 expands the deadline for the California State University (CSU) to authorize a student to enroll in an online course at another campus. It adds performance data to a legislative report on state-supported online courses, and requires the CSU to submit the report by January 15, of every odd numbered year. It requires the CSU Trustees to establish a series of uniform definitions for online education.

For the text of this bill, please see:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB1062

AB 1894 (Weber) Student Hunger

This bill amends Section 66025.93 of the Education Code and Section 18919 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

AB 1894 authorizes the Department of Social Services to enter into an agreement with the Chancellor's Office of the California State University (CSU) to allow a qualifying food facility on a CSU campus to participate in the Restaurant Meals Program (RPM) even if the CSU campus is located in a county that does not participate in RPM.

For the text of this bill, please see:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB1894

AB 1895 (Calderon) California DREAM Loan Program: Repayment

This bill amends Section 70034 of the Education Code.

AB 1895 requires the University of California and California State University campuses participating in the state Development Relief and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Loan Program to adopt procedures to allow undocumented students to access an income-based student loan repayment plan by January 1, 2020.

For the text of this bill, please see:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB1895

AB 2015 (Reyes) Pupil instruction: information about student financial aid

This bill adds Section 51225.8 to the Education Code.

AB 2015 requires school districts and charter schools to ensure that students receive information on how to properly complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the California Dream Act Application (CADAA) at least once before pupils enter grade 12.

For the text of this bill, please see:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billAnalysisClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB2015

AB 2505 (Santiago) California State University: budget oversight policies

This bill adds Section 89291 to the Education Code.

AB 2505 requires the Office of the Chancellor of the California State University (CSU) to prepare a systemwide report of current hiring practices for all CSU positions and sets a deadline of March 31, 2019 to submit the report annually to the Legislature. It requires the report to compare hiring practices at CSU to best practices for hiring persons in similar positions at the University of California and the California Community Colleges.

For the text of this bill, please see:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billAnalysisClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB2505

AB 2041 (Caballero) University of California: Office of the Chief Investment Officer

This bill adds Article 1.3 (commencing with Section 92603) to Chapter 6 of Part 57 of Division 9 of Title 3 of the Education Code.

AB 2041 urges the Regents of the University of California (UC) to require that UC's Office of the Chief Investment Officer (OCIO) launch an emerging manager program similar to those administered by other state public pension funds. It also urges the OCIO to use reasonable efforts to consider female and minority staff and encourage fund partners to do the same.

For the text of this bill, please see:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB2041

SB 967 (Berryhill) Waiver of systemwide tuition and fees: current or former foster youth

This bill amends Section 66025.3 of the Education Code.

SB 967 prohibits the University of California and California State University campuses from charging mandatory systemwide tuition or fees to current or former foster youth for a total of the equivalent of attendance in a 4-year undergraduate program.

For the text of this bill, please see:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billAnalysisClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB967

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