SB-308 Fact Sheet

SUMMARY

SB-308 aims to modernize and streamline statutory reporting requirements for the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office by allowing for the consolidation of specified legislative reports.

BACKGROUND

The Chancellor's Office is currently required to submit more than 50 legislative reports, many on an annual basis, several of which contain overlapping or duplicative information. SB 308 addresses two report requirements related to audit exceptions, district audit compliance, and corrective actions currently reported under Education Code Sections 84040.6 (Audit – Exceptions) and 84040 (Audit – District Fiscal Accountability). Under existing law, the Chancellor's Office is required to submit two distinct reports that contain overlapping audit-related information, including the number and nature of audit exceptions, districts that fail to submit required audits, and actions taken to address audit findings.

In 2010, the Committee on Accountability and Administrative Review bill authored AB-1585, which consolidated and eliminated over 1,500 obsolete and duplicative state reporting requirements. This reform also addressed redundant higher education reporting requirements, such as intersegmental facilities and capital outlay planning. By modernizing college reporting—consolidating redundant requirements and updating outdated mandates—administrative burdens are reduced, allowing higher education systems to focus on serving students while maintaining transparency and accountability.

PROPOSAL

SB 308 does not eliminate reporting obligations—instead, beginning in the 2027–28 fiscal year, it would allow information to be reported through one consolidated report. This targeted consolidation ensures that the Legislature continues to receive the same substantive information, while reducing unnecessary duplication and improving the consistency and usefulness of the reports. SB 308 represents a measured and responsible update to existing reporting statutes that preserves transparency, strengthens accountability, and modernizes how audit information is communicated to policymakers.

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