



CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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OVERVIEW

Having passed the budget bill by the Constitutional deadline on June 15, the Legislature turns its focus back to policy measures. Policy committees have until July 1, 2016, to approve bills in their second house. Following the policy committee deadline, the Legislature will recess, returning on August 1, 2016. Bills passing the policy committee in their second house will face the August 12, 2016, deadline to pass the fiscal committee which in both houses is called the Appropriations Committee. By the end of August, all legislative activity will conclude for the regular session though adjournment is not until November 30, 2016.

The summaries that follow are for our top priority, or “Tier 1” bills, and reflect the information that was available when this update was drafted. For details and copies of any bill, please contact the Governmental Relations Division of the Chancellor’s Office or visit the Legislative Counsel’s website at:

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BILLS OF INTEREST

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

- **AB 1846 (Lopez) Adult Education Consortium Program.** AB 1846 specifies that the annual reports for the Adult Education Block Grant program include a requirement that consortiums assess whether funds provided by the state were insufficient to address local adult education demands.
 - Status: AB 1846 passed in the Assembly and the Senate Education Committee and was sent to the Senate Appropriations Committee.
- **AB 1985 (Williams) Postsecondary Education.** AB 1985 requires the California Community College Chancellor’s Office to collaborate with the Academic Senate to develop a uniform policy to award General Education credit for Advanced Placement test scores. Each community college district will be required to adopt the policy and post it on its website.
 - Status: AB 1985 passed in the Assembly and the Senate Education Committee and was sent to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION

- **SB 66 (Leyva) Career Technical Education Pathways Program.** SB 66 requires the Economic and Workforce Development Program to align performance accountability measures with that of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. SB 66 also requires the California Department of Consumer Affairs make available to the Chancellor’s Office any licensure information that the department has on its boards, bureaus, commissions, or programs to help measure employment outcomes of students who participate in career technical education programs.
 - Position: Sponsor/Support
 - Status: SB 66 passed the Senate and was sent to the Assembly and was assigned to the Assembly Business and Professions Committee.

CAMPUS CLIMATE/CAMPUS SAFETY

- **AB 1594 (McCarty) Prohibition of Smoking and Vaping on Campus.** AB 1594 prohibits smoking tobacco products or the use of e-cigarettes on California State University and community college campuses. The bill authorizes a fine of up to \$100 with the proceeds to go to support educational operations of the campus, education of the policy implemented by the bill, and tobacco treatment options for students.
 - Status: AB 1594 passed in the Senate Education Committee and was sent to the Senate Appropriations Committee.
- **AB 1653 (Weber) Postsecondary Education: Campus Climate.** AB 1653 requires the California State University Trustees and the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges to generate a report on campus climate in their respective system and provide guidance to colleges on the Clery Act and Violence Against Women Act. The Board shall request information from colleges about recent campus program developments that impact campus climate related to the following: gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, disability and gender identity. The report of the Board shall be based on data available from participating community college districts. Additionally the Chancellor's Office is required to review every two years and update, if necessary, the protocols, policies, and procedures regarding compliance with the Clery Act and Violence Against Women Act.
 - Status: AB 1653 passed the Senate Education Committee and will next be heard by the Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee.
- **AB 1654 (Santiago) Student Safety: Crime Reporting.** Existing law requires the state Auditor to audit a sample of not less than six institutions of postsecondary education in California that receive federal student aid for reporting accurate crime statistics in compliance with the requirements of the Clery Act. AB 1654 adds compliance with state laws regarding campus safety to the State Auditor's audit.
 - Status: AB 1654 passed in the Senate Education Committee and was sent to the Senate Appropriations Committee.
- **AB 1778 (Quirk) Postsecondary Education: Sexual Assault and Violence.** Starting on January 1, 2018, AB 1778 requires the three segments of higher education to conduct annual employee training on responding and reporting incidents of sexual violence in order to receive state funding for student financial assistance.
 - Status: AB 1778 passed in the Senate Education Committee and was sent to the Senate Appropriations Committee.
- **AB 2018 (Ridley-Thomas) Mandated Child Abuse Reporting Employee Training Act.** AB 2018 requires each community college district to do the following: annually train, using the online training module provided by the Department of Social Services and State Department of Education, develop a process for those persons required to receive training under the bill and provide proof of completing this training within the first six weeks of each academic year or within six weeks of that person's employment. Districts that do not use the existing training module will have to report on their training method to the State Department of Education and the Chancellor's Office. The bill also requires districts to develop a process to identify the students who are minors enrolled in classes at the community college district and provide that information only to faculty members and other employees who are mandated reporters.
 - Status: AB 2018 passed in the Senate Education Committee and was sent to the Senate Appropriations Committee.
- **AB 2654 (Bonilla) Equity in Higher Education Act (Sexual Harassment Policies).** AB 2654 requires a community college district to post its policy on sexual harassment on its website. It requires the policy to include specific rules and procedures for pursuing available remedies and resources, both on and off campus.

- Status: AB 2654 passed in the Senate Education Committee and was sent to the Senate Appropriations Committee.
- **SB 1439 (Block) Employees: Disclosure of Allegations of Sexual Harassment.** SB 1439 requires the governing board of a community college district to require an applicant for appointment to an academic or administrative position to disclose any final administrative decision or final judicial decision made against the applicant related to sexual harassment.
 - Status: SB 1439 passed in the Assembly Higher Education Committee and was sent to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

FACULTY

- **AB 1690 (Medina) Community Colleges: Part-Time, Temporary Employees.** AB 1690 is similar to AB 1010 (Medina) from 2015. The bill requires community colleges without collective bargaining agreements in effect as of January 1, 2017, or after January 1, 2017, to adopt specific minimum standards for the treatment of part-time, temporary faculty. These standards would include evaluation procedures, workload distribution and seniority rights.
 - Status: AB 1690 passed in the Assembly and the Senate Education Committee and was sent to the Senate Appropriations Committee.
- **AB 2069 (Medina) Seymour-Campbell Student Success Act of 2012.** AB 2069 requires colleges to post the number of paid part-time faculty office hours they provide on their campus websites.
 - Status: AB 2069 passed in the Assembly and the Senate Education Committee and was sent to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

FINANCE AND FUNDING

- **SB 1460 (Leno) Community Colleges: Funding: San Francisco Community College District.** SB 1460 would require the Board of Governors, for the 2017–18, 2018–19, and 2019–20, fiscal years to provide to the San Francisco Community College District a revenue adjustment for the restoration of reduced apportionments. This need for this measure has been addressed in the budget bill.
 - Status: SB 1460 passed in the Senate and was sent to the Assembly Committee on Higher Education.

GOVERNANCE

- **AB 986 (Gipson) Community Colleges: Compton Community College District.** AB 986 requires the Chancellor to report to the Legislature on the priorities identified in each Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team report and to provide a response on how the Chancellor intends to resolve in a timely manner the issues identified in the report.
 - Status: AB 986 passed in the Assembly and was sent to the Senate Education Committee but has not been scheduled for a hearing.
- **AB 1837 (Low) Office of Higher Education Performance and Accountability.** AB 1837 creates the Office of Higher Education Performance and Accountability as the statewide postsecondary education coordination and planning entity. The bill establishes an eight member advisory board for the purpose of examining, and making recommendations to the office regarding any comments and proposals made by the office to the Governor and the Legislature. The advisory committee would be comprised of the Chairpersons of the Assembly Higher Education Committee and the Senate Education Committee, and three members each appointed by the Assembly and Senate. Representatives from higher education segments would not be appointed to the advisory committee.

This bill amends provisions of the California Education Code that refer to the California Postsecondary Education Commission (CPEC) and replace them with provisions related to the proposed office. CPEC no longer functioned after Governor Brown eliminated its funding from the State budget in 2011. Every year since 2011 legislation has been introduced to replace CPEC with a new agency tasked with the development and coordination of higher education state policy.

- Status: AB 1837 passed in the Senate Education Committee and will be heard in the Senate Committee on Governmental Organization.

AB 2434 (Bonta) Postsecondary Education: Higher Education Policy. AB 2434 creates a blue-ribbon commission to study and develop a plan to grow the funding, enrollment slots, and number of campuses at public universities and colleges so that public higher education in California has the capacity to be universal and tuition-free.

- Status: AB 2434 passed in the Assembly Committee on Higher Education and was “held” in the Suspense File by the Assembly Committee on Appropriations.

- **ACA 7 (Gonzalez) Voting Age: School and Community College Elections.** ACA 7 authorizes persons who are at least 16 years of age to vote in a school or community college district governing board election in which that person would be qualified to vote based on residence.
 - Status: Assembly Constitutional Amendment (ACA) 7 was assigned to the Assembly Elections and Redistricting Committee on April 28, 2017. A measure that is a proposed constitutional amendment by the Legislature does not have the same deadlines as bills introduced in the regular session.

MISCELLANEOUS

- **AB 1726 (Bonta) Data Collection.** AB 1726 requires the segments of higher education to collect data on an expanded number of Asian and Pacific Islander subgroups and post statewide data on enrollment and completion on their websites. Implementation by community colleges is delayed until July 1, 2020 to allow for information systems changes, and alignment with new US Census groups was delayed until 2030.
 - Status: AB 1726 passed in the Assembly and the Senate Education Committee and was sent to the Senate Appropriations Committee.
- **AB 2222 (Holden) Transit Passes.** AB 2222 creates a Transit Pass Program administered by the California Department of Transportation to provide free or reduced cost transit passes to low income students. Funding for the program would be appropriated by the Legislature from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. The \$50,000 appropriation for this program was removed from the bill.
 - Status: AB 2222 passed in the Senate Committee on Housing and Transportation and will be heard in the Senate Committee on Environmental Quality.
- **AB 2308 (Hernandez, R.) California Health Care Coverage Enrollment Assistance Act of 2016.** AB 2308 would require each CSU and community college to provide information regarding health care coverage options to students by developing informational items or amending existing forms and materials, or revising campus websites. AB 2308 provisions would create additional workload and cost pressures for community college campuses.
 - Status: AB 2308 passed in the Assembly and committees in the Senate and is on the Senate Floor.
- **AB 2738 (Olsen) School Bonds: Local School Bonds.** AB 2738 prohibits the proceeds from the issuance of bond funds to be withdrawn by a school district or community college district for investment outside the county treasury. The bill also specifies that after all project costs related to the issuance of the bonds have been paid, any remaining balance or surplus in the building fund of the school district or community college district shall be applied to debt service. AB 2738 clarifies that

any reference to "governing board" means the governing board of a school district or a community college district.

- Status: AB 2738 passed in the Senate Education Committee and was sent to the Senate Floor.
- **SB 1038 (Allen) Community Colleges: Employees.** SB 1038 eliminates the tuberculosis test requirement for community college employees. Instead, employees will take a risk assessment for tuberculosis and if found to be at risk, the employee is then required to take the tuberculosis test. This mirrors how tuberculosis screening is done in K-12 districts.
 - Status: SB 1038 passed in the Assembly and was sent to the Governor's Desk.
- **SB 1359 (Block) Public Postsecondary Education: Course Materials:** SB 1359 requires each campus of public postsecondary education to disclose in the campus course schedule whether a course uses free or low cost open educational resources (OER).
 - Status: SB 1359 passed in the Senate and the Assembly Committee on Higher Education and was sent to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

STUDENT SERVICES

- **AB 801 (Bloom) Success for Homeless Youth in Higher Education Act.** AB 801 establishes priority enrollment for homeless students (a student that is verified as being without a residence in the last six years) and makes them eligible for a Board of Governors Fee Waiver. The bill establishes a liaison for homeless students who can be a current employee.
 - Status: AB 801 passed both houses last year but was removed from enrollment and placed in the inactive file.
- **AB 1995 (Williams) Community Colleges: Homeless Students: Access to Shower Facilities.** AB 1995 requires a district to grant access to shower facilities to any homeless student who is enrolled. The district will also determine a plan of action to implement this program. The plan shall include the hours of operation, minimum number of units a student must have and plans for when hours of operation conflict with intercollegiate athletics. AB 1995 also allows Student Success and Support Program funds to be used for implementing the new program.
 - Status: AB 1995 passed in the Senate Education Committee and was sent to the Senate Appropriations Committee.
- **AB 2009 (Lopez) Dream Resource Centers.** AB 2009 would require California Community Colleges and the CSU, and requests that UC designate a Dream Resource Liaison on each of their campuses to assist students by streamlining access to all available financial aid and academic opportunities. The bill would authorize each segment's governing board to accept private funds to establish and operate the centers. The bill also encourages community colleges to establish Dream Resource Centers and specifies that nothing in AB 2009 requires the construction of a new or separate space for a Dream Resource Center. Though AB 2009 would create significant additional costs for community colleges, the bill does not include additional state resources. Community colleges will need additional state funds not currently in the budget to comply with this bill.
 - Status: AB 2009 passed in Senate Education Committee and will be heard in the Senate Appropriations Committee.
- **AB 2017 (McCarty): College Mental Health Services Program.** AB 2017 establishes the College Mental Health Services Trust Account and would appropriate \$40 million annually (until 2022) to that account from the Mental Health Services Fund, established by Proposition 63, to be used to create a grant program for public community colleges, colleges, and universities to improve access to mental health services on campus. Multiple districts can apply as a group, and grants will not exceed \$5 million per application. Matching funds will be required to receive a grant. The bill also requires a report to the Legislature on how the funds were used.

- Position: Support
 - Status: AB 2017 passed in the Senate Health Committee and was sent to the Senate Education Committee.
- **AB 2137 (Santiago) Postsecondary Education: Student Transfer Process.** This bill would request the University of California Regents to submit annual reports before March 1 in each year from 2017 to 2020 on the implementation of the recommendations of the Transfer Action Team convened by the UC President. The bill would also request the Regents to submit annual reports before March 1 in each year from 2017 to 2022 on topics relating to the use of transfer pathways by community college student transfers to the University of California.
 - Status: AB 2137 passed in the Assembly and was sent to the Senate Education Committee.
- **AB 2154 (Medina) Student Aid Commission: Student Members.** AB 2154 authorizes a student member to serve on the Student Aid Commission for up to one additional year after his or her two-year term expires if the Governor has not appointed a successor student member. The bill also requires a qualifying institution to waive a student member's tuition, up to a specified amount, for the duration of the student member's term in office if the student member is not a recipient of a Cal Grant award.
 - Status: AB 2154 passed in the Assembly and the Senate committees and is now on the Senate Floor.
- **AB 2766 (Lopez) Student Aid Commission.** AB 2766 requires the Student Aid Commission to include four student members, one from each of the following: UC, CSU, California Community College, and a California private postsecondary educational institution. Existing law requires the commission to include two members, appointed by the Governor, who are students enrolled in a California postsecondary educational institution.
 - Status: AB 2766 passed in the Senate Appropriations Committee and was sent to the Senate Floor.
- **AB 2791 (Medina) Community Colleges: Disability Services Program.** AB 2791 authorizes colleges to receive Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS) funds for a student that is enrolled in DSPS but not yet enrolled in a class. This will assist colleges in preparing accommodations for the student before they begin taking a class.
 - Position: Support
 - Status: AB 2791 passed in the Senate Education Committee and was sent to the Senate Appropriations Committee.
- **SB 906 (Beall) Public Postsecondary Education: Priority Enrollment.** SB 906 revises the definition of foster youth to mean a person in California whose dependency was established or continued by the court on or after the youth's 16th birthday and who is no older than 25 years of age at the commencement of the academic year, aligning it with the Cooperating Agencies Foster Youth Educational Support Program. SB 906 extends priority enrollment indefinitely to those students who are in Community College Extended Opportunity Programs and Services programs and to disabled students by removing the sunset.
 - Position: Sponsor/Support
 - Status: SB 906 passed in the Assembly Higher Education Committee and was sent to the Assembly Human Services Committee.

TUITION, FEES, FINANCIAL AID

- **AB 1449 (Lopez) Student Financial Aid: Community College Cal Grant.** AB 1449 authorizes a student to meet the California Community College Cal Grant Transfer Entitlement award's high

school graduation requirement with a high school diploma or equivalency or by being a California resident on his or her 18th birthday.

- Status: AB 1449 passed in the Assembly and will be heard in the Senate Education Committee.
- **AB 1583 (Santiago) Postsecondary Education: Community Colleges.** AB 1583 would establish a California Promise Program that expands access for California residents to the Board of Governors Fee Waiver. The bill would change the financial need threshold to one dollar for determining the expected family contribution of students seeking a fee waiver.
 - Status: AB 1583 passed in the Assembly and will be heard in the Senate Education Committee.
- **AB 1721 (Medina) Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant Program.** AB 1721 would increase the number of competitive Cal Grant A and B awards from 25,750 to 34,000. The bill specifies that 15,000 awards would be available to all students for the annual September 2 deadline, and 19,000 awards would be reserved for community college students who apply by the September 2 deadline.
 - Position: Sponsor/Support
 - Status: AB 1721 passed in the Assembly and will be heard in the Senate Education Committee.
- **AB 1741 (Rodriguez) California Community College Promise Program.** AB 1741 would establish the California College Promise Innovation Grant Program to provide funds to California Community College districts for the purpose of establishing regional partnerships with K-12 school districts, CSU campuses, and UC campuses. The bill would require the Chancellor's Office to administer the program and distribute multiyear grants to community college districts.
 - Status: AB 1741 passed in the Assembly and will be heard in the Senate Education Committee.
- **AB 1747 (Weber) Food Assistance: Higher Education Students.** AB 1747 requires a college that is located in a county that has a Restaurant Meals Program to apply to become an approved food vendor for the program, if the institution operates any qualifying food facilities on campus, or to provide contracting food vendors with specified information about the program. The bill also allows colleges to receive funds for CalFresh outreach activities and establishes the Public Higher Education Pantry Assistance Account.
 - Status: AB 1747 passed in the Senate Education Committee and was sent to the Senate Human Services Committee.
- **AB 1888 (Low) Cal Grants: Nondiscrimination.** AB 1888 requires colleges and universities as a condition of participating in the Cal Grant program to certify in their participation agreement with the California Student Aid Commission that the institution shall not subject a student or employee to discrimination.
 - Status: AB 1888 passed in the Assembly Committee on Higher Education and was "held" in the Assembly Committee on Appropriations.
- **AB 1892 (Medina) Cal Grant C.** AB 1892 sets the maximum Cal Grant C award amount at \$3,000 for access costs to help community college students in priority occupational and technical training programs.
 - Position: Sponsor/Support
 - Status: AB 1892 passed the Assembly Committee Higher Education Committee and was "held" by the Assembly Committee on Appropriations.
- **AB 2056 (Garcia, E.) Cal Grant Program: Graduation Verification.** AB 2056 requires the California Student Aid Commission to allow a school district to electronically submit high school graduation verification for former grade 12 students as many times as necessary to ensure the

information is transmitted and received, and requires high schools to verify graduation no later than October 1 of the academic year immediately following the students graduation. For many students who complete summer school in order to meet high graduation requirements their verification of graduation is either never received by the California Student Aid Commission or it's submitted after Cal Grant application deadlines. These two scenarios result in delays of Cal Grant award payments or a delay of one year before students can re-apply for a Cal Grant award. AB 2056 (Garcia, E.) provides high school districts with multiple opportunities to submit electronic verification of high school graduation for the vast majority of their students after the spring term, and allow for transmitting verifications again after the end of the summer term.

- Position: Support
 - Status: AB 2056 passed in the Senate Education Committee and will be heard in the Senate Appropriations Committee.
- **AB 2058 (Mayes) CalWORKs: Education Incentives.** AB 2058 creates the CalWORKs Educational Opportunity and Attainment Program which will provide a monthly incentive grant to a CalWORKs recipient who has attained a high school diploma, associate degree or bachelor's degree while receiving CalWORKs benefits.
 - Position: Support
 - Status: AB 2058 was passed by the Assembly Human Services Committee and was "held" in the Assembly Committee on Appropriations.
- **AB 2136 (Mayes) Exemption from Nonresident Tuition (Deletes Nonimmigrant Exception).** AB 2136 deletes the exception in the nonresident tuition for nonimmigrant aliens making nonimmigrant aliens eligible for the exemption from nonresident tuition if the student meets other requirements specified in statute.
 - Status: AB 2136 passed in the Assembly Committee on Higher Education and was "held" in the Assembly Committee on Appropriations.
- **AB 2251 (Stone) Postsecondary Education: Student Loan Borrowers' Bill Of Rights.** AB 2251 would expand the California Finance Lenders Law to include the licensure, regulation, and oversight of student loan servicers and require such servicers to be licensed. The bill would establish the Student Loan Borrower's Bill of Rights and require student educational loan servicers to provide each of their student loan borrowers in the state with reliable information about the borrower's loan and repayment options, and quality customer service and fair treatment, and access to available repayment and loan forgiveness benefits.
 - Status: AB 2251 passed in the Assembly and was sent to the Banking and Financial Institutions Committee.
- **AB 2364 (Holden) Public Postsecondary Education: Tuition Exemption.** AB 2364 would exempt certain nonresident students who live and attend high school in California from nonresident tuition for community college dual enrollment coursework. The bill would also allow community college districts to claim apportionment for students who are eligible for the nonresident tuition exemption.
 - Status: AB 2364 passed in the Assembly and will be heard in the Senate Education Committee.
- **AB 2506 (Thurmond) Student Financial Aid: Chafee Grants.** AB 2506 (Thurmond) Student Financial Aid: Chafee Grants. AB 2506 specifies standards for postsecondary educational institutions to be deemed qualifying institutions for the Chafee Educational and Training Voucher program. The bill requires the Student Aid Commission to ensure that every current and former foster youth who files a timely application and is eligible for the award of a Chafee Educational and Training Voucher is issued those funds.
 - Position: Support
 - Status: AB 2506 passed in the Senate Education Committee and was sent to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

- **AB 2681 (O'Donnell) Public Education: College Promise Grant Program.** AB 2681 would establish the California College Promise Grant Program to provide planning grants to eligible school districts and community college districts to establish Career Access Pathways partnerships.
 - Status: AB 2681 passed in the Assembly Committee on Higher Education and Assembly Committee on Education and was “held” in the Assembly Committee on Appropriations.
- **AB 2822 (Chiu) Student Financial Aid: Student Success and Support.** AB 2822 would authorize a community college district to use no more than three percent of its Student Success and Support Program funds for the provision of emergency student financial assistance to eligible students, if such assistance is included in an institution's plan for interventions to students. The bill provides definitions for “eligible student” and “emergency student financial assistance,” and specifies that in order for emergency student financial assistance to be an allowable use of Student Success and Support Program funds, emergency student financial assistance shall be included in the institution's plan for interventions to students.
 - Position: Concern
 - Status: AB 2822 passed in the Assembly and will be heard in the Senate Education Committee.
- **SB 412 (Glazer) The California Promise.** SB 412 would establish The California Promise program at CSU campuses to support students who obtain an associate degree in two years and a baccalaureate degree within four years of freshman admission. California Promise participants would receive priority enrollment and additional academic monitoring services. The bill also requires the CSU Chancellor’s Office to submit a report to Legislative policy and fiscal committees regarding student participant criteria and financial incentive recommendations. The original version of SB 412 was replaced with language from SB 1450 by Senator Glazer. Amendments were accepted in the Assembly Committee on Higher Education that remove the Chancellor’s Office and community colleges from the scope of SB 412, and instead requiring CSU to guarantee entry into a promise program for any community college student who transfers with an Associate Degree for Transfer.
 - Status: SB 412 passed the Assembly Committee on Higher Education and will be heard in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.
- **SB 893 (Nguyen) Tuition and Fees: San Bernardino Dependents.** SB 893 prohibits the three segments of higher education from collecting fees from surviving dependents of the December 2, 2015, San Bernardino terrorist attack.
 - Status: SB 893 passed the Senate Committee on Education and was “held” in the Suspense File in the Senate Appropriations Committee.
- **SB 1314 (Block) Cal Grant Program: Middle Class Scholarship Program: Community College Baccalaureate Degree Program.** SB 1314 would specify that community college students participating in the baccalaureate degree programs who also satisfy the eligibility requirements for a Cal Grant award and Middle Class College Scholarship award shall receive an award.
 - Status: SB 1314 passed the Assembly Committee on Higher Education and will be heard the Assembly Appropriations Committee.
- **SB 1357 (Block) Cal Grant Act: California Community Colleges Assistance Grant Program.** SB 1357 establishes the California Community Colleges Assistance Grant Program. The bill would require the California Student Aid Commission to annually augment the awards of all community college recipients of Cal Grant B Entitlement awards and Competitive Cal Grant B awards, and specifies that the amounts awarded under the bill would supplement, and not supplant, the awards and other student financial aid.
 - Status: SB 1357 passed the Senate Committee on Education and was “held” in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

- **SB 1450 (Glazer) The California Promise.** SB 1450 authorizes a California Community College and a CSU to enter into a pledge with a student to cap fees and tuition if the student earns an associate degree within two academic years or a baccalaureate degree within four academic years.
 - Status: SB 1450 was “held” in the Senate Education Committee.

VETERANS, MILITARY AND DEPENDENTS

- **AB 1936 (Chavez) Residency: Dependents of Armed Forces Members.** AB 1936 amends current statute that provides in-state tuition for dependents of military members so that they will maintain resident tuition after being admitted to a postsecondary institution. AB 1936 was prompted by a UC Davis student whose father was deployed before classes started and whose resident status for tuition was initially revoked.
 - Position: Support
 - Status: AB 1936 passed in the Assembly and the Senate Education Committee on consent. It was sent to the Senate Appropriations Committee with a recommendation for the consent calendar.
- **AB 2494 (Hernandez, R) Veteran Resource Centers Grant Program.** AB 2494 establishes the Veteran Resource Centers Grant Program. This bill authorizes the governing board of a community college district and a community college campus at which a veterans resource center has been or is intended to be established to jointly apply to the Chancellor’s Office for a grant for the purposes of providing resources to veterans and active duty members of the U.S. Armed Forces enrolled at the campus. The bill would allocate funds appropriated by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act for administration of the program and distribution of awards to recipient community college districts and campuses. Although the Assembly’s budget proposal including funding for veterans resource centers, the funding did not make it in the conference committee’s budget and was not in the budget bill sent to the Governor.
 - Position: Support, if amended
 - The only concern of the Chancellor’s Office is a source of funding. The enrolled budget bill does not include a funding source for this measure.
 - Status: AB 2494 passed in the Assembly and the Senate Education Committee and was sent to the Senate Veterans Committee.

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