

CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



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OVERVIEW

The California Constitution requires the State Budget to be passed by midnight on June 15. Although the Legislature's focus has now turned to the State Budget, a couple of key deadlines for legislation have recently passed, including the deadline for all measures to move out of their house of origin. Bills that were held in the Senate or Assembly Appropriations Committees or failed passage on the Senate or Assembly floor in this first year of the two-year session will not advance now but are still "alive" for next year. These measures are now listed separately on our legislative matrix following our lowest priory bills in tier 3. Some of the bills that were held in the Appropriations Committees or failed passage on the floor were significant bills of interest. Bills that supported services to veterans but did not have a funding source were held, and all of the bills that would have placed a statewide bond on the 2016 ballot were held or failed. We may see these measures move forward next year, or the language in the measure could be introduced in a new bill in 2016. Below is a list of some of the key measures that are now two year bills and cannot move forward in 2015.

- AB 148 (Holden) K-14 School Investment Bond Act of 2016 (Support)
- AB 351 (Jones-Sawyer) Public Contracts: Small Business Participation
- AB 393 (Roger Hernández) Veteran Resource Centers Grant Program (Support, if amended)
- AB 421 (Calderon) Community Colleges: Veterans Counselor (Support, if amended)
- AB 490 (Alejo) Community College Extended Opportunity Programs
- AB 889 (Chang) Concurrent Enrollment in Secondary School and Community College
- AB 1112 (Lopez) Adult Education Consortia (Concern)
- AB 1433 (Gray) Higher Education Facilities Bond (Support)
- SB 66 (Leyva) Career Technical Education Pathways Program (Support)
- SB 114 (Liu) Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016 (Support)
- SB 247 (Lara) Dream Centers: Educational Support Services (Support)
- SB 373 (Pan) California Community Colleges: Overload Assignment
- SB 634 (Block) Postsecondary Education: Interstate Reciprocity (Support)
- SB 665 (Block) Preventing and Addressing Incidents of Rape and Sexual Assault

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BILLS OF INTEREST

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

- AB 288 (Holden) Public Schools: College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP)
 Partnerships. AB 288 encourages a modest expansion of voluntary dual enrollment partnerships by reducing fiscal penalties and policy barriers that currently limit such collaborations. The bill authorizes a community college district and K-12 school district to enter into a formal CCAP partnership with the goal of developing seamless pathways from high school to community college for career technical education or preparation for transfer, helping high school students achieve college and career readiness, and improving high school graduation rates.
 - o Position: Sponsor/Support
 - o Status: AB 288 passed in the Assembly and was sent to the Senate.

- AB 542 (Wilk) Community Colleges: Early and Middle College High Schools. AB 542 exempts Early College High School (ECHS) and Middle College High School (MCHS) students from the lowest priority enrollment consideration. The bill allows a community college to claim state apportionments for MCHS and ECHS students enrolled in physical education courses beyond the 5 percent statutory cap and exempts these students from the 10 percent cap regarding enrollment in community college summer courses.
 - o Status: AB 542 passed in the Assembly and will be heard in the Senate Education Committee.
- **AB 770 (Irwin) Community Colleges: Basic Skills and Innovation Strategies.** AB 770 creates the Community Colleges Basic Skills Innovation Program, which would establish a fund in the Chancellor's Office to provide grants to selected community college districts that seek to improve their basic skills programming.
 - o Position: Support, if amended
 - Status: AB 770 passed in the Assembly and will be heard in the Senate Education Committee.

CAMPUS CLIMATE/CAMPUS SAFETY

- AB 340 (Weber) Postsecondary Education: Campus Climate Report. AB 340 declares the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to require governing bodies of the higher education systems to submit a report once every two years to the legislature on campus climate. Recent amendments make the Chancellor's Office report contingent on information received from colleges.
 - o Position: Support
 - o Status: AB 340 passed in the Assembly and was sent to the Senate Education Committee.
- AB 636 (Medina) Student Safety. AB 636 authorizes postsecondary education institutions to disclose the identity of a student or employee who is accused of a violent crime, sexual assault, or hate crime to local law enforcement if the institution determines that the alleged assailant represents a serious and ongoing threat to the safety of persons or the institution and if the immediate assistance of police is necessary to contact or detain the assailant. AB 1433 (Gatto), signed into law last year, requires colleges to report serious crimes to local law enforcement if the crimes occur on campus or involve students or employees. That bill included language prohibiting the disclosure of the accused assailant's identity to local law enforcement if the victim declined to be identified. AB 636 allows colleges to identify the accused (not the victim) if the college determines that the accused assailant poses a serious and ongoing threat to campus safety.
 - o Status: AB 636 passed in the Assembly and the Senate Education Committee and was sent to the Senate Public Safety Committee.
- AB 767 (Santiago) Community Colleges: Emergency Preparedness Standards. AB 767 requires the Chancellor's Office to update emergency preparedness standards by January 1, 2017, and every 5 years thereafter, and to consider including an active shooter response plan.
 - o Status: AB 767 passed in the Assembly and the Senate Education Committee and was sent to the Senate Appropriations Committee.
- AB 967 (Williams) Sexual Assault Case Procedures. AB 967 requires the governing board of
 each community college district to adopt and carry out a uniform process for disciplinary
 proceedings relating to any claims of sexual assault. This uniform process would be required to
 include a two-year minimum suspension for specified violations. Recent amendments added an
 implementation date of April 1, 2017 and a sunset date of December 31, 2021. The bill would

additionally require the governing board of each community college district to report data relating to cases of alleged sexual assault, including:

- The number of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking complaints received by the institution.
- The number of complaints investigated by the institution and the number that were not investigated.
- The number of investigations in which the respondents were found responsible at the disciplinary proceedings of the institution and the number of investigations in which the respondents were not found responsible.
- The number of disciplinary sanctions imposed on respondents who were found responsible disaggregated by following categories: expulsion, suspension of at least two years, suspension of fewer than two years, probation.
- Status: AB 967 passed in the Assembly and was sent to the Senate Education Committee.
- **AB 968 (Williams) Transcripts: Expulsion Note.** AB 968 requires the governing board of each community college district to indicate on a student's transcript when the student is ineligible to reenroll due to suspension or expulsion for the period of time the student is ineligible to reenroll.
 - o Status: AB 968 passed in the Assembly and was sent to the Senate.
- AB 969 (Williams) Community College: Removal, Suspension, Expulsion. Similar to SB 186, AB 969 extends the authority of a district to discipline a student for an offense that happens off campus but threatens the safety of students and the public, whether that conduct occurs on or off campus. AB 969 expands a district's authority to deny enrollment to an individual who has been expelled in the last five years or is currently suspended for a sexual assault or sexual battery offense from another community college district. The bill would also authorize a community college district to require a student seeking admission to inform the community college district if he or she has been previously suspended from a community college in the state for rape, sexual assault, or sexual battery. A hearing to appeal the district's decision would be required if a district chose to deny enrollment.
 - o Status: AB 969 passed in the Assembly and was sent to the Senate Education Committee.
- SB 186 (Jackson) Community College Districts: Removal, Suspension, or Expulsion. SB 186 clarifies that state law does not prohibit districts from taking disciplinary action against students for off campus behavior if the district is doing so to comply with federal law, such as the Clery Act, Title IX, Violence Against Women Act, etc. SB 186 also adds sexual assault to the list of "good cause" reason to remove, suspend, or expel a student and defines sexual assault for those purposes. The definitions used in this bill are those provided by the White House's Task Force on Campus Sexual Assault.
 - Status: SB 186 passed in the Senate Education Committee and was sent to the Assembly Committee on Higher Education.
- SB 691 (Morrell) Postsecondary Education: Student Code of Conduct. SB 691 requires the Board of Governors to do all of the following regarding the student code of conduct: make it available to prospective students before enrollment, develop a method of testing prospective students' knowledge of the code as a condition of enrollment, and set a standard for a prospective student to demonstrate knowledge of the code before beginning classes.
 - o Status: SB 691 was not heard in the Senate Education Committee and is now a two-year bill, eligible to be heard next year.

FACULTY

• **AB 626 (Low) Community College: Employees.** AB 626 requires the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office to convene a group of stakeholders on or before July 1, 2016, and

every 4 years thereafter, to develop recommendations on funding strategies to enable the community colleges to achieve the 75 percent standard and increase district participation in the support of part-time faculty. The bill requires the Chancellor's Office to report these recommendations to the Legislature.

- o Status: AB 626 passed the Assembly and was sent to the Senate.
- AB 1010 (Medina) Community Colleges: Part-Time, Temporary Employees. AB 1010 specifies minimum standards for the treatment of part-time, temporary faculty to be met by community college collective bargaining agreements. The bill urges community college districts without a collective bargaining agreement in effect as of January 1, 2016, to negotiate with the exclusive representatives for part-time, temporary faculty regarding the terms and conditions required by the bill.
 - o Status: AB 1010 passed in the Assembly and was sent to the Senate.

FINANCE AND FUNDING

- SB 605 (Gaines) Community Colleges: Nonresident Tuition Exemption for Nevada Students. SB 605 exempts up to 200 students in any academic year from paying non-resident tuition fees if they attend the Lake Tahoe Community College (LTCC) and reside in certain communities in the Nevada, and permits the LTCC to count these persons as resident full-time equivalent students (FTES) for purposes of determining apportionment funding. This bill makes these provisions contingent upon the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges entering into an interstate attendance agreement with the Nevada System of Higher Education providing reciprocal rights to California residents attending Western Nevada College.
 - o Status: SB 605 passed in the Senate and was sent to the Assembly Committee on Higher Education.

GOVERNANCE

- **AB 404 (Chiu) Community Colleges: Accreditation.** AB 404 requires the California Community College Chancellor's Office to survey all 112 community colleges, regarding the evaluation of the current regional community college accrediting agency. The survey will be used by the Chancellor's Office to develop a report that reflects a systemwide evaluation of the regional accrediting agency based on the criteria used to determine an accreditor's status. The report will be sent to the U.S. Department of Education and the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity.
 - o Status: AB 404 passed in the Assembly and was sent to the Senate Education Committee.
- AB 986 (Gipson) Community Colleges: Compton Community College District. AB 986 requires the Chancellor to report to the Legislature concerning the priorities identified in each Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team report and to provide a response on how the Chancellor intends to resolve the issues identified in the report in a timely manner.
 - o Status: AB 986 passed in the Assembly and was sent to the Senate.
- AB 1385 (Ting) Community College: Accreditation. AB 1385 prohibits the accrediting agency from imposing a special assessment on community colleges to pay for the accrediting agency's legal fees for any lawsuit unless there has been an affirmative vote of the majority of the chief executive officers, or their designees, of all of the community colleges. The bill would excuse compliance with this prohibition if the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges determines that the accrediting agency's compliance would violate federal law.
 - o Status: AB 1385 passed in the Assembly and was sent to the Senate.

- AB 1397 (Ting) Community College: Accreditation. AB 1397 enacts the California Community Colleges Fair Accreditation Act of 2015. It requires that at least 50 percent of each visiting accreditation team from the accrediting agency for the California Community Colleges be composed of academic personnel as defined in the bill. The bill prohibits persons with a conflict of interest from serving on a visiting accreditation team. The bill requires the accrediting agency to conduct the meetings of its decision making body to ensure the ability of members of the public to attend those meetings. AB 1397 also requires the accrediting agency to preserve all documents generated during an accreditation-related review. AB 1397 requires the agency's accreditation-related decisions to be based on written, published standards in accordance with state and federal statutes and regulations.
 - o Status: AB 1397 passed the Assembly and was sent to the Senate.
- SB 42 (Liu) Commission on Higher Education Performance. Although Governor Brown deleted funding for the California Postsecondary Education Commission (CPEC) years ago, statutes referring to CPEC remain. SB 42 revises these statutes and creates the California Commission on Higher Education Performance and Accountability in its place. SB 42 excludes representatives from postsecondary institutions from serving as board members on the proposed commission and eliminates the authority of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to appoint a representative to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing.
 - o Position: Concern
 - o Status: SB 42 passed the Senate and was sent to the Assembly.
- SCA 1 (Lara) University of California: Legislative Control. SCA 1 proposes an amendment to the State Constitution to repeal the constitutional provisions relating to the University of California and the regents. This measure subjects the university and the regents to legislative control as may be provided by statute. SCA 1 prohibits the Legislature from enacting any law that restrains academic freedom or imposes educational or curricular requirements on students. A Senate Constitutional Amendment, or SCA, is a measure that places an initiative on the statewide ballot to change the California Constitution and it is not subject to the same legislative deadlines as Assembly or Senate Bills.
 - Status: SCA 1 has been referred to both the Senate Education and Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committees.

MISCELLANEOUS

- **AB 176 (Bonta) Data Collection.** AB 176 requires the segments of higher education to collect data on Asian and Pacific Islander (API) subgroups and post statewide data on enrollment and completion on their respective websites by July 2016. The bill also requires that 18 months after the 2020 U.S. Census is released, the API subgroups reported by each segment be consistent with the subgroups used by the Census Bureau.
 - Status: AB 176 passed in the Assembly and will be heard in the Senate Education Committee.
- AB 653 (Levine): Intersegmental Coordination: Information Technology. As currently written, AB 653 is substantially similar to last year's bill that was vetoed, and requires the higher education segments to coordinate technology purchases. The author's office has agreed to accept amendments provided through Chancellor's Office staff that would revise AB 653. These changes make contracting practices among the segments of higher education more efficient by improving the ability of community college districts to share contracts with UC and CSU. Specifically, AB 653 would 1) allow districts to post bid proposals on their websites or bidding platforms; 2) extend the duration of contracts for goods and services for up to 7 years; and 3) adds clarifying language which specifies that districts can share contracts with UC and

- CSU. With the cooperation of the author's office to accept staff's recommended amendments, the Chancellor's Office is expected to support this measure.
 - o Status: AB 653 passed in the Assembly and was sent to the Senate Education Committee.
- AB 798 (Bonilla): College Textbook Affordability Act. AB 798 seeks to lower textbook expenses for students by creating incentives for campuses to use Open Educational Resources (OER). AB 798 provides that the California OER Council may utilize its funding as designated in SB 1052 of 2012 to provide grants in the amount of \$10,000 to community college and CSU campuses which, with their local academic senates, develop and submit plans to increase the use of OER. Campuses that receive grant awards would also be eligible for bonus grants of \$10,000 for up to 3 subsequent years if they reach benchmarks. The program would be administered by the California OER Council.
 - o Position: Neutral
 - o Status: AB 798 passed in the Assembly and was sent to the Senate.
- **AB 963 (Bonilla) Teachers' Retirement Law.** AB 963 revises the definition of creditable service for purposes of the Defined Benefit Program and the Cash Balance Benefit Program.
 - Status: AB 963 passed the Assembly and was sent to the Senate Public Employment and Retirement Committee.

STUDENT SERVICES

- AB 801 (Bloom) Success for Homeless Youth in Higher Education Act. AB 801 establishes priority enrollment for homeless students and makes them eligible for a Board of Governors fee waiver. A homeless student must be verified as being without a residence in the last six years. The bill was recently amended to establish a liaison for homeless students that can be a current employee, rather than requiring colleges to hire a new staff person.
 - o Status: AB 801 passed in the Assembly and was sent to the Senate Education Committee.
- AB 1016 (Santiago) Public Postsecondary Education: Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act. AB 1016 would require the Chancellor's Office to report to the Legislature on the status of each community college's compliance with statutory requirements related to creating Associate Degrees for Transfer.
 - o Position: Support
 - o Status: AB 1016 passed in the Assembly and was sent to the Senate.
- AB 1366 (Lopez) Public Postsecondary Education: Dream Resource Centers. AB 1366 requires the governing boards of community college districts to establish Dream Resource Centers on campuses with 500 or more enrolled students who meet AB 540 requirements. The Resource Centers would provide educational support services for undocumented students. Though AB 1366 would create significant additional costs for community colleges, the bill does not include additional state resources. The estimated cost includes \$100,000 per Dream Center for additional full-time positions.
 - o Position: Support, if amended
 - Additional state funds will be needed to support 38 community colleges in order to comply with this bill, which at a minimum, is estimated to cost \$380,000.
 - o Status: AB 1366 passed the Assembly Committee and was sent to the Senate.

TUITION, FEES, FINANCIAL AID

• AB 25 (Gipson) Financial Aid: Cal Grant Program: Renewal. AB 25 requires the Student Aid Commission to establish an appeal process for an otherwise qualified institution that fails to

satisfy the 3-year cohort default rate and graduation rate requirements under the Cal Grant program.

- Status: AB 25 passed the Assembly and will be heard in the Senate Education Committee.
- AB 82 (Garcia) US Selective Service: Financial Aid Ineligibility. Similar to last year's AB 2201 (Chávez), AB 82 establishes a program through the Department of Motor Vehicles to register males between 18 and 26 years old for Selective Service when they submit an application for an original or a renewal of a driver's license.
 - o Position: Support
 - o Status: AB 82 passed in the Assembly and was sent to the Senate.
- AB 200 (Alejo) Student Financial Aid: Competitive Cal Grants Awards. AB 200 increases the total number of Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards distributed annually from 22,500 to a maximum of 60,000 awards over a three-year period. AB 200 would set the following schedule regarding additional awards: 22,500 awards in 2015-16; 50,000 awards in 2016-17; and 60,000 awards in 2017-18 and for each academic year thereafter.
 - o Position: Support, if amended
 - The Chancellor's Office recommends increasing the maximum individual Cal Grant B award instead of increasing total number of Competitive Cal Grant awards.
 - Status: AB 200 passed the Assembly and was sent to the Senate.
- AB 573 (Medina) Student Financial Aid: Corinthian Colleges, Inc. (CCI) Closures. AB 573 provides financial and other educational assistance to students affected by the recent closing of CCI campuses in California, including Heald, Everest, and WyoTech. This bill waives community college fees for CCI students until July 1, 2018. This benefit is limited to students who were enrolled at a CCI campus on April 27, 2015 or withdrew within 120 days prior to the CCI closure on April 27, 2015 and did not complete their educational program. AB 573 also provides an additional \$100,000 to the Chancellor's Office to support a statewide media campaign to inform CCI students of educational opportunities available at community colleges. The bill requires the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE) to establish a standing closed school task force, which includes a Chancellor's Office representative and a community college campus representative. The bill would restore two years of Cal Grant eligibility used by CCI students to ensure that they are not hurt by the four-year award limitation in the Cal Grant program, and specifies that a CCI student is required to notify the California Student Aid Commission of his/her intent to use the restoration benefit before January 1, 2017. Recent amendments add veterans as a student group to be served by local legal aid organizations, and new requirements the BPPE must follow to disburse grants to legal aid organizations that serve CCI students. The bill specifies the type of legal aid assistance to be provided to CCI students, which includes outreach and education, screening requests for assistance, referrals to additional legal assistance through pro bono referral programs, legal services, and information related to student loans.
 - O Status: AB 573 passed the Assembly and will be heard in the Senate Committee on Business, Professions, and Economic Development on June 22, 2015. If the bill passes this committee it will also be heard in the Senate Education Committee.
- AB 721 (Medina) Student Financial Aid: Private Student Loans. AB 721 requires community colleges to comply with federal student loan disclosure requirements, including notifying students if a college does not participate in the federal loan program, advising students that they may be eligible for federal loans at other community colleges, and providing students with information regarding the California Student Aid Commission's website and the Federal Student Aid Web link on the United States Department of Education's website.

o Position: Concern

o Status: AB 721 passed the Assembly and was sent to the Senate.

• **AB 907 (Burke) Career Training: Adult Students.** AB 907 authorizes the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI) to certify that each regional occupational center or program, county office of education, or adult education program that provides workforce training programs is legally eligible to participate in federal Title IV programs, of the Higher Education Act of 1965. This bill also requires the SPI to adopt a student complaint process under the Uniform Complaint Procedures, as set forth in Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations. AB 907 shares similarities to SB 425, and both amend Education Code Section 52344.7.

Position: Watch

- o Status: AB 907 passed the Assembly and was sent to the Senate.
- AB 1091 (E. Garcia) Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant Program. AB 1091 authorizes the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) to require public schools and school districts to electronically submit verification of high school graduation. AB 1091 would also require CSAC to develop a standardized form for electronic submission of GPA information. AB 1091 builds upon previous legislation, AB 2160 (Ting, 2014), that required all public schools and districts to electronically submit student GPA information to CSAC. If AB 1091 becomes law the electronic verification of high school graduation would be added to the same standardized form used for GPA information. Recent research confirms that these practices are highly effective and would allow many more students to complete their financial aid applications in a timely manner.

o Position: Support

- o Status: AB 1091 passed the Assembly and was sent to the Senate.
- SB 15 (Block) Postsecondary Education: Financial Aid. SB 15 increases the number of Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards from 22,500 to 30,000 annual awards. The bill would also establish the Graduation Incentive Grant (GIG) program for transfer students at the California State University, and specifies grant amounts and unit requirements for the annual awards to be: \$1,000 if 30 semester units (45 quarter units) are completed the first year; \$1,500 if 60 semester units (90 quarter units) are completed the second year, and \$2,000 if 90 semester units (135 quarter units) are completed the third year. The bill specifies that GIG awards are supplemental grants and would prohibit supplanting any other grants or scholarships with these funds.

o Position: Support

- o Status: SB 15 passed in the Senate and was sent to the Assembly.
- SB 150 (Nguyen) Personal Income Tax: Exclusion: Student Loan Debt. SB 150 would amend the state personal income tax code to exclude from gross income in the amount of student loans that are forgiven for eligible students who were enrolled at Corinthian schools on or after January 1, 2015. Because SB 150 is a "tax levy" it does not have to meet the same deadlines as other measures, and, even though it has not been heard in Committee, it is still active for 2015.
 - Status: SB 150 was scheduled to be heard in the Senate Governance and Finance Committee on June 17, 2015 but was cancelled at the request of the author. The bill is not currently set for a hearing.
- SB 425 (Hernandez) Concurrent Enrollment in Secondary School and Community College. SB 425 authorizes the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI) to provide state certification that allows regional occupational centers and programs, county offices of education, or adult schools that provide workforce training programs to continue participating in federal student financial assistance programs. SB 425 shares similarities to AB 907, and both amend Education Code Section 52344.7. SB 425 authorizes the SPI to decertify these entities if they are not in compliance with federal laws and regulations and adopt regulations regarding a student

complaint process under the Uniform Complaint Procedures, as set forth in Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations.

- o Position: Watch
- o Status: SB 425 passed the Senate and was sent to the Assembly.

VETERANS

- **AB 13 (Chávez) Public Postsecondary Education.** AB 13 amends Education Code regarding nonresident tuition for community colleges and authorizes districts to report these students who are exempted from nonresident tuition for purposes of calculating apportionments. AB 13 aligns state law with the federal law, the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 (VACA). AB 13 is an urgency measure and would become effective upon signature by the Governor; however, it was amended to specify that it is effective July 1, 2015, which is the date the section for in-state tuition in VACA is effective.
 - o Position: Support
 - o Status: AB 13 passed in the Assembly and was sent to the Senate.
- AB 27 (Chávez) Postsecondary Education: Non-Resident Tuition Exemption. AB 27 amends Education Code for exemptions to residence determination and requires public higher education systems in California to align policies to ensure compliance with the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 (VACA). VACA requires the state's public postsecondary educational institutions to exempt qualifying nonresident veterans from paying nonresident tuition and fee charges. To ensure compliance with VACA by July 1, 2015, AB 27 is an urgency measure and would take effect upon signature by the Governor.
 - o Position: Support
 - o Status: AB 27 passed in the Assembly and was sent to the Senate Education Committee.
- AB 1361 (Burke) Student Financial Aid Cal Grant Program: Veterans. AB 1361 eliminates the age limit of 28 years old for veterans applying for the California Community College Transfer Cal Grant Entitlement Program. It is sponsored by the California Student Aid Commission.
 - o Position: Support
 - o Status: AB 1361 passed in the Assembly and was sent to the Senate.
- **AB 1401** (Baker) Veterans Student Financial Aid. AB 1401 reinstates expired provisions of state law that requires financial aid information, including the Board of Governors fee waiver and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to be made available to each member of the California National Guard, the State Military Reserve, and the Naval Militia who do not have a baccalaureate degree.
 - o Position: Support
 - Status: AB 1401 passed in the Assembly and was sent to the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee.

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