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Access

[AB 928 \(Berman\)](#)

Amended: 8/26/2021

Title: Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act of 2021: Associate Degree for Transfer Intersegmental Implementation Committee

Status: To Enrollment

Position:

Summary:

This bill would establish, until July 1, 2025, the Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) Intersegmental Implementation Committee to serve as the primary entity charged with the oversight of the ADT. The bill would require the committee to establish timelines and reporting deadlines relating to reviews of transfer model curricula, and to develop a comprehensive communications plan and guidance to inform students about the ADT pathway. The bill would also require the committee, on or before December 31, 2023, to provide the Legislature with recommendations on certain issues impeding the scaling of the ADT and streamlining transfer across segments for students.

The bill would also require the Intersegmental Committee of the Academic Senates of the CCC, CSU, and UC by May 31, 2023, to establish a singular lower division general education pathway that meets the academic requirements necessary for transfer admission to the CSU and the UC, and would require, if the committee is unable to come to agreement on or before May 31, 2023, the respective administrative bodies of those segments to establish a singular lower division general education pathway that meets the academic requirements necessary for transfer admission to the CSU and the UC by December 31, 2023. The bill would require the singular lower division general education pathway, commencing with the fall term of the 2025–26 academic year, to be the only lower division general education pathway used to determine eligibility and sufficient academic preparation for transfer into both segments, and to not lengthen time-to-degree or include more units than those required under the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum on July 1, 2021. These requirements pertaining to the singular lower division general education pathway would apply to the UC only if the regents adopt an appropriate resolution, as required by existing law.

Apportionments

[AB 576 \(Maienschein\)](#)

Amended: 6/22/2021

Title: Community Colleges: Apportionments: Waiver of Open Course Provisions: Military Personnel

Status: To Enrollment

Position:

Summary:

This bill would waive open course provisions in statute or regulations of the California Community Colleges Board of Governors (BOG) for any governing board of a community college district for classes the district provides to military personnel on a military base and would authorize the BOG to include the units of full-time equivalent students generated in those classes for purposes of state apportionments.

Broadband/Remote Learning

*[AB 14 \(Aguiar-Curry\)](#)

Amended: 9/2/2021

Title: Communications: Broadband Services: California Advanced Services Fund

Status: To Enrollment

Position:

Summary:

This bill would do the following regarding the California Advanced Services Fund:

- Extend the sunset date for the CASF surcharge from the end of the 2022 calendar year to December 31, 2032
- Deletes existing law allowing Voice over Internet Protocol providers to establish alternative methods for calculating their contributions to the CASF
- Establishes a \$100 million cap on the maximum amount of annual funding the CPUC can collect to fund the Deaf and Disabled Telephone Program
- Requires each Internet service provider to report the following information regarding each free, low-cost, income-qualified, or affordable Internet service plan offered by the provider: (a) the plan's cost, including taxes and fees; (b) eligibility requirements; (c) data limitations; (d) number of California residents enrolled; and (e) a description of the provider's outreach efforts to increase awareness about the plan

Employees

[AB 275 \(Medina\)](#)

Amended: 6/30/2021

Title: Classified Community College Employees

Status: To Enrollment

Position: Oppose

Summary:

This bill would shorten the maximum length of a prescribed period of probation for a classified employee to six months or 130 days of paid service, whichever is longer. The only exception is, a full-time peace officer or public safety dispatcher employed by a community college district operating a dispatch center certified by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training would be required to serve a probationary period of not less than one year of paid service from their date of appointment to that full-time position to be designated as a permanent employee of the district. These changes would not apply to a conflicting collective bargaining agreement entered into before January 1, 2022, until the expiration or renewal of that collective bargaining agreement.

As recently amended, this bill would provide that, to receive permanent classified service status, full-time peace officers and public safety dispatchers employed by a community college district operating a dispatch center certified by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training would be required to serve in a probationary status for a period not less than one year from their date of appointment to that full-time position. These changes would not apply if a collective bargaining agreement entered into before January 1, 2022, conflicts with this provision until the expiration or renewal of that collective bargaining agreement.

AB 289 (Calderon)**Amended:** 3/4/2021**Title:** Classified School Employees: Merit System: Adoption and Termination**Status:** Chapter 88, Statutes of 2021**Position:****Summary:**

Current law authorizes both the adoption and termination of a merit system in a school or community college district by a majority vote of its classified employees. Upon the filing of a petition for the adoption or for the termination of the merit system for classified employees, current law requires the governing board of the district to perform specified activities in response, including devising an identification system to ensure against fraud in the balloting process and forming a tabulation committee.

This bill would require the devised identification system to also ensure ballot secrecy and would prohibit a representative of the district from making any marks upon the ballot envelope or ballot of any employee. The bill would allow the tabulation committee to adopt a system of uniformly stamping in a consistent manner and in the same location on all ballots received or all ballots counted, or both of those, to help ensure an accurate count.

AB 375 (Medina)**Amended:** 5/24/2021**Title:** Community Colleges: Part-Time Employees**Status:** To Enrollment**Position:** Oppose Unless Amended**Summary:**

This bill would change the maximum time a part-time, temporary employee may teach, without becoming a contract employee, to 85% of the hours per week of a full-time employee having comparable duties. This bill would also require community colleges, as a condition of receiving funding allocated for the Student Equity and Achievement Program, to negotiate in good faith with the representatives for part-time, temporary faculty on the terms of the reemployment preference for part-time, temporary faculty assignments and the regular evaluation process for part-time, temporary faculty. The bill would require that negotiation on reemployment preference for part-time, temporary faculty assignments be based on the minimum standards not exceeding 80% to 85%, and would prohibit a community college district from restricting the terms of the negotiated agreement to less than that range, unless explicitly agreed upon by an individual part-time, temporary faculty member and the district. This bill would require the community college to commence the negotiation of these terms no later than the expiration of any negotiated agreement in effect on January 1, 2022, and for any community college that does not have a collective bargaining agreement in effect as of January 1, 2022, upon the effective date of the bill.

SSC Comment:

The bill was amended to include language stating it was not the Legislature's intent to require a community college district to increase the number of available part-time, temporary faculty assignments as a result of any increase to the minimum standards. However, that language does not change the fact that the bill would increase the minimum standards to 80-85% of a percent of a full-time equivalent load.

AB 438 (Reyes)**Amended:** 8/26/2021**Title:** School Employees: Classified Employees: Layoff Notice and Hearing**Status:** To Enrollment**Position:** Oppose**Summary:**

This bill would extend the existing layoff protocols granted to academic employees to permanent classified employees. The bill would remove a district's current ability to layoff permanent classified employees (1) at the end of the year due to the expiration of a specifically funded program if notified by April 29; or (2) with a 60-day notice as a result in a reduction in service. In its place, a March 15 layoff notice would apply to permanent classified employees as it does currently to academic employees. The bill also says that if a classified position must be eliminated as a result of the expiration of a specially funded program, the bill would require written notice of the layoff date and that certain rights be given to the classified employees no less than 60 days before the effective layoff date.

AB 1383 (Carrillo)**Amended:** 3/25/2021**Title:** Community Colleges: Academic Employees: Involuntary Administrative Leave**Status:** Chapter 29, Statutes of 2021**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would specify that the 90-day period for the employer to complete its investigation of the accused misconduct of an academic employee and initiate disciplinary proceedings against, or reinstate, the academic employee is a 90-working-day period and would provide that the period of paid administrative leave may be extended by agreement of the parties not to exceed 30 calendar days.

SB 278 (Leyva)*Amended:** 9/3/2021**Title:** Public Employees' Retirement System: Disallowed Compensation: Benefit Adjustments**Status:** To Enrollment**Position:** Oppose**Summary:**

This bill would provide that, when a retiree's California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) pension is reduced postretirement, due to the inclusion of compensation agreed to under a collective bargaining agreement that is later determined to be non-pensionable, the public employer must cover the difference between the pension as originally calculated and as reduced by CalPERS.

SSC Comment: A nearly identical version of this bill was vetoed by former Governor Jerry Brown in 2018 and another version was withdrawn from engrossing and enrolling by Senator Leyva in 2019.

SB 294 (Leyva)**Amended:** 6/14/2021**Title:** Public Retirement: Leave of Absence: Service Credit**Status:** To Enrollment**Position:****Summary:**

This bill removes the 12-year limitation for service credit earned under the Teachers' Retirement Law and Public Employees' Retirement Law, respectively, relating to an employer-approved compensated leave of absence as applied to school employees who serve as an elected officer of an employee organization. The bill would also amend existing law by requiring the employee organization of which the member is an elected officer to pay to the member's employer an amount equal to both the member's and employer's contributions, including regular interest on the balance of contributions due to CalSTRS, calculated from the date the contributions would have been due when the elected officer service was performed to the date payment is received by CalSTRS, compounded daily based on the regular interest rate in effect the day that the payment was received by CalSTRS.

SB 411 (Cortese)**Amended:** 4/13/2021**Title:** Public Employees' Retirement System: Employment Without Reinstatement**Status:** Chapter 136, Statutes of 2021**Position:****Summary:**

The Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013 (PEPRA) prescribed various limitations on public employees, employers, and retirement systems concerning, among other things, work after retirement. The Public Employees' Retirement Law (PERL) generally prohibits retired Public Employees' Retirement System members from working for an agency participating in the system without reinstatement in the system, unless that employment is otherwise specifically authorized. This bill eliminates the above-described requirement that a person employed without reinstatement in a manner other than authorized by PERL be reinstated, instead providing that reinstatement is permissive. The bill limits the circumstances pursuant to which retired members and employers are obligated to pay employee and employer contributions, which would have otherwise been paid, plus interest, to apply only to specified reinstatements. The bill also makes conforming changes and make specific reference to the duties of employees and employers regarding reinstatement after retirement in violation of PEPRA.

Facilities

AB 306 (O'Donnell)**Amended:** 4/5/2021**Title:** School Districts and Community College Districts: Employee Housing**Status:** Chapter 49, Statutes of 2021**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would exempt school district and community college district employee housing architectural plans from the requirement to receive approval of plans and specifications from the Department of General Services' Division of State Architect.

AB 1377 (McCarty)**Amended:** 7/5/2021**Title:** Student Housing Plans**Status:** To Enrollment**Position:****Summary:**

As significantly amended, this bill no longer addresses the housing needs of California Community College students.

Financial Aid

AB 1185 (Cervantes)**Amended:** 8/26/2021**Title:** Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant Program**Status:** To Enrollment**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would require that, in a state of emergency resulting from the COVID-19 public health crisis, specified Cal Grant Program eligibility requirements related to time limits for award eligibility and the age of an award recipient would not apply. This bill would make this provision inoperative on July 1, 2023.

AB 1456 (Medina)**Amended:** 8/26/2021**Title:** Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant Reform Act**Status:** To Enrollment**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would enact the Cal Grant Reform Act, which would revise and recast the provisions establishing and governing the existing Cal Grant programs, which would include a Cal Grant 2 Program and a Cal Grant 4 Program. Cal Grant 2 would be available to community college students whose families are not expected to contribute at all to their college costs. There would be no age or time out of high school restrictions and students would not need a minimum grade point average. The award would be for non-tuition expenses and, assuming current funding levels, would be worth no less than the per-student amount provided in the 2020–21 award year and would be adjusted in subsequent award years in proportion to the growth of the California Consumer Price Index.

The bill specifies that the Cal Grant Reform Act would only become operative upon an appropriation by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act in order to fully implement its provisions.

Governance and District Operations

[AB 337 \(Medina\)](#)

Title: Board of Governors of The California Community Colleges

Status: Chapter 23, Statutes of 2021

Position:

Summary:

This bill would eliminate the prohibition against a student member voting during their first year on the Board of Governors.

[AB 361 \(Rivas, Robert \)](#)

Amended: 8/30/2021

Title: Open Meetings: Local Agencies: Teleconferences

Status: Signed by the Governor—September 16, 2021

Position:

Summary:

This bill would authorize, until January 1, 2024, a local agency to use teleconferencing, without complying with certain Brown Act teleconferencing requirements in any of the following circumstances:

- The legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency, and state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing
- The legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency for the purpose of determining, by majority vote, whether as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees
- The legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency and has determined, by majority vote that, as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees

Assembly Bill 361 specifies that if a local legislative body determines it is entitled to use the exemptions afforded to them in this bill they still must abide by the following requirements:

- Notice the meeting and post agendas as the Brown Act requires
- Allow the public to access the meeting and give notice for how the public can access the meeting and provide public comment
- Identify and include in the agenda an opportunity for all persons to attend via a call-in or an internet-based service option (the legislative body is not required to provide a physical location for the public to attend or provide comments)
- Stop the meeting until public access is restored in the event of a service disruption that prevents the local agency from broadcasting the meeting to the public using the call-in
- Not require comments be submitted in advance
- Provide adequate time for public comment

The bill also specifies that if the state of emergency remains active for more than 30 days a local agency must make several findings (reconsideration of the circumstance of the emergency and if the emergency continue to directly impact the ability for members to meet in person or if state local officials continue to impose or recommend social distancing) by majority vote every 30 days to continue using the bill's exemption to the Brown Act teleconferencing rules.

SB 274 (Wieckowski)**Amended:** 4/5/2021**Title:** Local Government Meetings: Agenda and Documents**Status:** To Enrollment**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would require a local agency to email a copy of, or website link to, the agenda or a copy of all the documents constituting the agenda packet if the person requests that the items be delivered by email. If a local agency determines it to be technologically infeasible to send a copy of the documents or a link to a website that contains the documents by email or by other electronic means, the bill would require the legislative body or its designee to send by mail a copy of the agenda or a website link to the agenda and to mail a copy of all other documents constituting the agenda packet, as specified.

Instruction

AB 927 (Medina)**Amended:** 8/26/2021**Title:** Public Postsecondary Education: Community Colleges: Statewide Baccalaureate Degree Program**Status:** To Enrollment**Position:** Support**Summary:**

This bill would repeal the July 1, 2026, sunset date for the Baccalaureate Degree Program, effectively making the program permanent. The bill would require, as part of the application and review process, the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) to ensure that a community college district (CCD) is provided with two timelines in which to apply for a baccalaureate degree program, that only 15 baccalaureate degree programs are approved during each application period (allowing for a total of 30 baccalaureate degree programs per academic year), that the total number of baccalaureate degree programs offered by a CCD does not exceed 25% of the total number of associate degree programs offered by the CCD, and that a minimum of 30 working days is taken to validate the submitted information and assess the workforce value of the proposed baccalaureate degree program.

The bill would require the Chancellor's Office to consult with and seek feedback from the Chancellor of the California State University (CSU), the President of the University of California (UC), and the President of the Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities on proposed baccalaureate degree programs. Additionally, the bill would allow the CSU and UC to file a formal complaint to the Chancellor's Office if they feel a program is duplicative of one at the UC or CSU. Upon receipt of written objections, the Chancellor has 30 working days to convene with the applicant and the segment that raised the objection to collaborate and establish a written agreement before the program is approved.

Finally, the bill would also require a CCD to continue to offer an associate degree program in the same academic subject for which a baccalaureate degree program has been approved, unless the CCD has received approval from the CCCCCO to eliminate the associate degree program.

Miscellaneous

[AB 417 \(McCarty\)](#)

Title: Rising Scholars Network: Justice-Involved Students

Status: To Enrollment

Position:

Summary:

This bill would authorize the Chancellor Office to establish the Rising Scholars Network, whereby the Chancellor's Office would enter into agreements with up to 50 community colleges to provide additional funds for services in support of postsecondary education for justice-involved students. The bill would require a community college district that wants to participate in the program to apply to the board of governors for funding pursuant to the bill's provisions and would require the board of governors to adopt regulations for the Rising Scholars Network that fulfill certain goals and guidance.

SSC Comment:

The bill's provisions would only be operative in years there is funding appropriated in the State Budget. Assemblymember McCarty introduced this same bill last year, but since the budget did not provide an appropriation for the measure, the bill did not move forward in the Senate.

[AB 1111 \(Berman\)](#)

Amended: 8/26/2021

Title: Postsecondary Education: Common Course Numbering System

Status: To Enrollment

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require the California Community Colleges, on or before July 1, 2024, to adopt a common course numbering system for all general education requirement courses and transfer pathway courses, and require each community college campus, on or before July 1, 2024, to incorporate common course numbers from the adopted system into its course catalog. The bill would require the common course numbering system to be student facing and ensure that comparable courses across all community colleges have the same course number.

[SB 26 \(Skinner\)](#)

Amended: 6/23/2021

Title: Collegiate Athletics: Student Athlete Compensation and Representation

Status: Chapter 159, Statutes of 2021

Position:

Summary:

This bill moves up the implementation date of SB 206 (Chapter 383/2019), which provides college student athletes compensation for the use of their name, image, or likeness, to coincide with the National Collegiate Athletic Association's (NCAA) recently proposed rule changes no later than September 1, 2021. Since community colleges are not governed by the NCAA, they were exempted from the provisions of SB 206, but required to create a working group to examine existing state and federal laws and various athletic association bylaws regarding a college athlete's use of the athlete's name, image, and likeness for compensation. The working group must submit a report with its findings and policy recommendations to the Legislature and the California Community College Athletic Association on or before July 1, 2021.

SB 416 (Hueso)**Amended:** 8/30/2021**Title:** Corrections: Educational Programs**Status:** To Enrollment**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would require the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to make college programs provided by the various California college systems or other regionally accredited, nonprofit colleges or universities in the state available to state prison inmates with a general education development (GED) certificate or a high school diploma, establishes a set of criteria to be used to prioritize those college programs, and defines the responsibilities of those college education providers.

State Budget and Education Finance

AB 85 (Committee on Budget)**Amended:** 2/17/2021**Title:** Budget Act of 2020**Status:** Chapter 4, Statutes of 2021**Position:****Summary:**

This is an early action budget bill to address the COVID-19 economic crisis. The bill includes \$100 million in one-time funds to provide low-income community college students with emergency financial aid. To qualify for this aid students must be enrolled at least half-time, demonstrate financial need, and have at least a 2.0 grade point average. Additionally, the bill includes \$20 million to support efforts to increase student retention rates and enrollment by engaging with former and current community college students who have withdrawn or are considering withdrawing from college due to COVID-19. The bill also provides \$3.1 million for the California Community Colleges to support campus outreach efforts to increase student applications in the CalFresh program.

SSC Comment:

As a State Budget bill, Assembly Bill 85 would go into effect immediately upon Governor Gavin Newsom's signature.

AB 128 (Ting)**Amended:** 6/10/2021**Title:** Budget Act of 2021**Status:** Chapter 21, Statutes of 2021**Position:****Summary:**

This is the main 2021–22 State Budget Bill that was signed by the Governor on June 28, 2021. This was the legislative version of the budget bill that the Legislature approved in order to meet the June 15 constitutional deadline.

AB 132 (Committee on Budget)

Amended: 7/9/2021

Title: Postsecondary Education Trailer Bill

Status: Chapter 144, Statutes of 2021

Position:

Summary:

AB 132 contains the implementing language for most of the higher education provisions in the State Budget and would make significant changes and additions to the higher education statute, including:

- Retiring all community college deferrals created in the 2020–21 State Budget
- Extending the Student Centered Funding Formula (SCFF) hold harmless provision from 2023–24 to 2024–25
- Allowing community colleges to use federal funds to waive student fees
- \$115 million one-time for zero-textbook-cost degrees
- Establishing basic needs coordinators and basic needs centers and provides \$100 million one-time to address student basic needs
- \$90 million one-time to support increases to part-time faculty office hours
- \$511 million one-time to support deferred maintenance projects
- \$50 million one-time for the continued implementation of the Guided Pathways Program
- \$20 million one-time to support the implementation of best practices in promoting equal opportunity employment
- \$20 million for California Community Colleges to establish and expand High Road Training Partnerships and High Road Construction Careers
- \$20 million one-time to support culturally competent professional development
- \$10 million one-time to support LGBTQ+ students

SSC Comment:

The bill was approved by the Legislature and sent to Governor Newsom on July 15 and he has until Tuesday, July 27, 2021, to take action on the bill or it becomes law without his signature. We fully expect the Governor to sign this bill any day.

AB 138 (Committee on Budget)

Amended: 6/27/2021

Title: Employment: Health Care Benefits: Unemployment Insurance: Policies and Practices

Status: Chapter 78, Statutes of 2021

Position:

Summary:

This is the employment budget trailer bill that Governor Newsom signed on July 16, 2021. The bill reduces the School Employees Fund contribution rate from 1.23% to 0.5% for the 2021–22 and 2022–23 fiscal years.

SB 129 (Skinner)

Amended: 6/25/2021

Title: Budget Act of 2021

Status: Chapter 69, Statutes of 2021

Position:

Summary:

This is the budget bill junior that was signed by Governor Newsom on July 13, 2021. SB 129 reflects the State Budget agreement that Governor Newsom reached with legislative leadership by amending Assembly Bill AB 128.

SB 156 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review)

Amended: 7/11/2021

Title: Communications: Broadband

Status: Chapter 112, Statutes of 2021

Position:

Summary:

This budget trailer bill on broadband was signed by the Governor on July 20, 2021. Included in this \$6 billion bill are plans to expand the state's broadband infrastructure with a particular focus on areas that have historically been unserved or underserved by private internet service providers. Specifically, the bill invests the following:

- \$3.25 billion in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the construction of the open-access broadband middle mile, appropriated in 2021–22
- \$2 billion (\$928 million General Fund and \$1.072 billion federal ARPA) for last mile funding, of which \$1.072 billion is available in 2021–22, \$125 million is available in 2022–23, and \$803 million is available in 2022–24
- \$750 million General Fund for the loan-loss reserve, of which \$50 million is appropriated in 2021–22, \$125 million is appropriated in 2022–23 and the balance of \$575 million is included in 2023–24
- The bill also includes language that requires the Public Utilities Commission to identify priority locations that include entities that lack sufficient high-bandwidth connections, including, but not limited to K–12 schools and higher education institutions.

Student Health and Nutrition

[AB 367 \(Garcia, Cristina\)](#)

Amended: 8/26/2021

Title: Menstrual Products

Status: To Enrollment

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require each California Community College and California State University campus to stock an adequate supply of menstrual products made free and accessible at no fewer than one designated and accessible central location. The bill would require the location to be determined by considering the following factors: hours of operation (relative to hours that students are on campus), proximity to high-traffic areas on campus, accessibility by students of all genders and regardless of physical ability, privacy, and safety. The bill says locations may include student centers, libraries, wellness or health centers, pantries, and study rooms.

[AB 396 \(Gabriel\)](#)

Amended: 9/1/2021

Title: CalFresh: Educational Programs

Status: To Enrollment

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require the Department of Social Services (DSS) to issue guidance to the Chancellor's Office of the California Community Colleges, the California State University, and the University of California, to clarify certain information related to campus-based programs that may qualify a student for an exemption to the CalFresh student rule; delineates certification application requirements for these institutions; and requires the DSS to report certain data to the Legislature and post the report on its website regarding state-approved campus-based local educational programs that increase eligibility.

[AB 543 \(Davies\)](#)

Amended: 6/15/2021

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Student Orientation: CalFresh

Status: To Enrollment

Position:

Summary:

This bill would, as a part of campus orientation, require the Trustees of the California State University and each campus of the California Community Colleges to provide educational information about CalFresh and the student eligibility requirements for CalFresh to all incoming students.

AB 1326 (Arambula)**Amended:** 6/29/2021**Title:** Public Social Services: County Liaison for Higher Education**Status:** To Enrollment**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would require a county human services agency to designate at least one employee as a staff liaison to serve as a point of contact for academic counselors and other professional staff at public higher education institutions located within the county. The bill would also require a county human services agency with input from the public institutions of higher learning in the county to develop protocols for engagement between the staff liaison and the public higher education institutions located within the county, and would encourage the agency to consult with specified stakeholders in the development of those protocols. The bill would also require the Chancellor of the California State University and the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, and request the Office of the President of the University of California, in collaboration with county human services agencies, to conduct a survey to determine the effectiveness of the county liaison position and submit, by January 1, 2025, a report with the results of the survey to specified legislative committees and the State Department of Social Services.

Student Services

AB 245 (Chiu)**Amended:** 7/8/2021**Title:** Educational Equity: Student Records: Name and Gender Changes**Status:** To Enrollment**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would require a campus of the CCC, CSU, or UC to update a former student's records to include the student's updated legal name or gender if the institution receives government-issued documentation from the student demonstrating that the former student's legal name or gender has been changed. The bill would require the institution to reissue specified documents conferred upon, or issued to, the former student with the former student's updated legal name or gender, if requested by the former student. The bill would prohibit an institution from charging a higher fee for correcting, updating, or reissuing a document based on a legal name or gender change than the fee it charges for correcting, updating, or reissuing that document generally. Commencing with the 2023–24 graduating class, the bill would require an institution to provide an option for a graduating student to request that the diploma to be conferred by the institution list the student's chosen name.

Tuition and Fees

[AB 1113 \(Medina\)](#)

Amended: 8/26/2021

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Exemption from Tuition and Fees: Qualifying Survivors of Persons Providing Medical or Emergency Services Deceased During COVID-19 California State of Emergency

Status: To Enrollment

Position:

Summary:

This bill would prohibit the California Community Colleges, California State University, and the University of California, if they adopted an appropriate resolution, from collecting mandatory system-wide tuition and fees from any qualifying surviving spouse or surviving child of a California resident who was employed or under contract as a licensed physician, licensed nurse, or first responder to provide medical services, who died of COVID-19 during the COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency in California. A surviving spouse would be entitled to the fee waiver authorized by this bill until January 1, 2033, while a surviving child would have until they are 30 years old.

[SB 436 \(Dahle\)](#)

Title: Community Colleges: Nonresident Tuition

Status: To Enrollment

Position:

Summary:

Current law, until July 1, 2022, exempts from the nonresident tuition fee students who attend Lake Tahoe Community College and who have residence in one of several designated communities in Nevada, as provided. This bill would extend operation of the exemption from the nonresident tuition fee for qualifying students of Lake Tahoe Community College and related provisions indefinitely.

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Access

[AB 102 \(Holden\)](#)

Amended: 3/25/2021

Title: College and Career Access Pathways Partnerships: County Offices of Education

Status: Assembly Education Committee—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

Position: Support

Summary:

This bill would eliminate the 2027 sunset date for CCAP partnerships, effectively allowing dual enrollment programs to continue indefinitely. The bill would also allow county offices of education to participate in CCAP partnerships, which would provide students in juvenile court schools access to dual enrollment programs.

[AB 103 \(Holden\)](#)

Title: Pupil Instruction: College and Career Access Pathways Partnerships: County Offices of Education

Status: Assembly Education Committee—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

Position: Support

Summary:

This bill would allow county offices of education to participate in College and Career Access Pathways partnerships, which would provide students in juvenile court schools access to dual enrollment programs.

[AB 403 \(Kalra\)](#)

Amended: 3/25/2021

Title: Fair Access to College Textbooks Act

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

Position:

Summary:

This bill would prohibit a campus of the California Community Colleges, the California State University, an independent institution of higher education, or a private postsecondary educational institution from assessing an automatic charge for instructional materials to a student, or enter into an agreement with a book publisher or other entity to assess the charge, unless certain conditions are met. The bill would provide that these provisions only apply to a contract entered into or renewed after January 1, 2022.

[SB 770 \(Roth\)](#)

Amended: 5/20/2021

Title: California Community Colleges: Pathways to Law School Programs

Status: Assembly Desk—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

Position:

Summary:

This bill would make \$10 million available, upon an appropriation in the State Budget, to the Chancellor's Office for the purpose of expanding pathways to law school programs. The bill would specify that this purpose includes, but is not limited to, supporting opportunities for dual enrollment partnerships between community colleges and local high school law academies, implementing partnerships with the California State University system that incorporate associate degree for transfer programs, expanding existing transfer agreements with the University of California, and providing student advising and guidance to help

participants in the Community College Pathway to Law School initiative successfully transfer into the California State University or the University of California.

Broadband/Remote Learning

[AB 34 \(Muratsuchi\)](#)

Amended: 4/6/2021

Title: Broadband for All Act of 2022

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee—Suspense File—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

Position:

Summary:

This bill would place a \$10 billion general obligation bond before voters on the November 2022 ballot, which would support the 2022 Broadband for All program for purposes of providing financial assistance for projects to deploy broadband infrastructure and broadband services.

Career Technical Education, Adult Education, and ROC/P

[AB 299 \(Villapudua\)](#)

Amended: 3/15/2021

Title: Career Technical Education: California Apprenticeship Grant Program

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

Position:

Summary:

This bill would, commencing with the 2022–23 academic year, establish the California Apprenticeship Grant Program to provide grants to encourage high school pupils, community college students, and employed and unemployed workers seeking to go into career technical education and vocational professions through participation in qualifying, state-approved apprenticeship programs.

[AB 421 \(Ward\)](#)

Amended: 6/29/2021

Title: Community Colleges: Career Development and College Preparation Courses

Status: Senate Floor—Third Reading—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require the Board of Governors to adopt regulations, no later than May 31, 2022, requiring the accounting of students enrolled in career development and college preparation courses to be conducted by positive attendance count or by census date basis.

Employees

[AB 995 \(Gonzalez, Lorena\)](#)

Title: Paid Sick Days: Accrual and Use

Status: Assembly Floor—Inactive File—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

Position:

Summary:

This bill would modify the employer's alternate sick leave accrual method to require that an employee have no less than 40 hours of accrued sick leave or paid time off by the 200th calendar day of employment or each calendar year, or in each 12-month period.

[AB 1269 \(Garcia, Cristina\)](#)

Amended: 4/13/2021

Title: Community Colleges: Part-Time Faculty

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee—Suspense File—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require the Chancellor's Office to conduct a comprehensive study of part-time faculty to be completed by July 1, 2023. The bill would require, as part of the study, the Chancellor's Office to collect and report part-time faculty parity data from each community college district and require that data to be reported on the public webpage for each community college district and the chancellor's office by July 1, 2022. The bill would require the study to identify specific policy and fiscal recommendations that would enable the California Community Colleges to achieve a compensation schedule that achieves pay equity for part-time faculty by January 1, 2027.

[SB 205 \(Leyva\)](#)

Title: School and Community College Employees: Absences Due to Illness or Accident

Status: Senate Floor—Inactive File—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

Position: Oppose

Summary:

This bill would require a certificated or classified school employee, and an academic or classified community college employee, who exhausts all available sick leave and continues to be absent from duties on account of illness or accident for an additional period of five months to receive the employee's full salary during those five months.

SB 457 (Portantino)

Title: Public Employee Retirement Systems: Investment Portfolios: Divestment from Turkey

Status: Assembly Public Employment and Retirement Committee—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

Position: Oppose

Summary:

This bill would restructure the existing pooled state pension systems by requiring CalSTRS and CalPERS to provide separate, alternative investment portfolios to employers that wish to elect an investment portfolio that does not contain investments issued or owned by the government of the Republic of Turkey.

SSC Comment:

ACCCA opposes this bill and has signed on to a coalition opposition letter because the measure would splinter the CalSTRS and CalPERS pension funds in an unprecedented way that would undermine the state's buy-down of employer pension rates, create potential liability for employers based on portfolio choice, and sets a precedent that invites further splintering of our pension systems for future political issues.

Facilities

AB 75 (O'Donnell)

Amended: 5/24/2021

Title: Education Finance: School Facilities: Kindergarten-Community Colleges Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2022

Status: Senate Education Committee—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

Position:

Summary:

This bill would place a \$12 billion K–14 school facilities bond before voters on the 2022 primary or General Election ballot.

SSC Comment:

Assemblymember O'Donnell authored Assembly Bill 48 (Chapter 530/2019) last legislative session, which placed Proposition 13 on the March 2020 primary election ballot which failed to garner the sufficient 50% plus one vote to pass.

AB 635 (Low)

Title: Postsecondary Education: California Educational Facilities Authority

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

Position:

Summary:

This bill would specify that the requirement for a grant deed restriction under the California Educational Facilities Authority Act does not apply to a project for student, faculty, or staff housing located on property within the boundary of a campus or on property located outside the campus boundary and owned by the applicable institution.

SB 22 (Glazer)**Amended:** 5/20/2021**Title:** Education Finance: School Facilities: Public Preschool, K–12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2022**Status:** Assembly Education Committee—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would place the Public Preschool, K–12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2022 on the ballot in 2022 to provide \$15.5 billion in funding to construct and modernize education facilities.

SSC Comment:

This bill is substantially similar to the provisions of AB 48 (Chapter 530/2019), which was rejected by voters at the March 3, 2020, primary election.

SB 330 (Durazo)**Amended:** 5/27/2021**Title:** California Community Colleges: Affordable Housing**Status:** Assembly Desk—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline**Position:****Summary:**

Current law authorizes community college districts to let to any private person, firm, or corporation any real property that belongs to the community college district if the instrument by which the property is let requires the lessee to construct on the demised premises, or provide for the construction on the real property of, a building or buildings for the joint use of the community college district and the private person, firm, or corporation during the term of the lease or agreement if certain conditions are met, including that no rental fee or other charge for the use of the building or buildings is paid by the community college district. This bill would additionally authorize a community college district to let to any nonprofit entity any real property. This bill would authorize the community college district to agree to a rental fee or other charge for that use if the constructed building or buildings are developed and operated as affordable housing for students or employees of the community college district.

Governance and District Operations

AB 1216 (Salas)**Amended:** 4/27/2021**Title:** California Community Colleges: Governing Board Membership: Student Members**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee—Suspense File—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would give each student member on the governing board of a community college district an advisory vote. Additionally, the bill would require the Chancellor's Office to, by June 1, 2022, convene a workgroup to examine the active and equitable participation of student members serving on governing boards of community college districts. The bill would require the workgroup, by June 1, 2023, to submit a report to the office of the Chancellor's Office and the Legislature that includes the workgroup's findings and policy recommendations in connection with its review.

Instruction

[AB 1040 \(Muratsuchi\)](#)

Amended: 7/5/2021

Title: Community Colleges: Ethnic Studies

Status: Senate Education Committee—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

Position:

Summary:

This bill would, commencing with the 2022–23 academic year, require each community college district (CCD) to offer courses in ethnic studies at each of its campuses. The bill would require that the units earned by students for successful completion of these courses would be eligible for transfer and, if applicable, would meet ethnic studies graduation requirements at the California State University (CSU). The bill would also, commencing with the 2024–25 academic year, require each CCD to require the completion of at least one course in ethnic studies of at least three units as a requirement for a student to obtain an associate degree for transfer.

Recent amendments require the Legislative Analyst’s Office to conduct a study on the number of ethnic studies courses the CSU accepted from the community college districts to satisfy the existing CSU ethnic studies graduation requirement.

[AB 1115 \(Choi\)](#)

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Community Colleges: Statewide Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline—No Longer Being Reported

Position:

Summary:

This bill would extend the operation of the baccalaureate degree pilot program by one year—until July 1, 2027.

[AB 1417 \(Frazier\)](#)

Title: Community Colleges: Providers of Care for Individuals With Developmental Disabilities: Model Curriculum for Certification Program

Status: Senate Education Committee—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

Position:

Summary:

The bill would require the Chancellor’s Office to develop a model curriculum for a certification program for providers of care for individuals with developmental disabilities, designed to be offered at community college campuses where there is sufficient student interest and a properly qualified faculty to sustain such a program.

Miscellaneous

[AB 53 \(Low\)](#)

Amended: 3/15/2021

Title: Election Day Holiday

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee—Suspense File—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

Position:

Summary:

This bill would add statewide general elections to the list of holidays that schools and community colleges are required to be closed. The bill would also change observation of the President's Day (or Washington Day) holiday to only odd-numbered years.

[AB 609 \(Kamlager\)](#)

Title: College Athlete Race and Gender Equity Act

Status: Assembly Arts, Entertainment, Sports, Tourism, and Internet Media Committee—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require each institution of higher education to comply with Title IX of the federal Education Amendments of 1972 as it applies to college athletics, to suspend an athletic director from intercollegiate athletics responsibilities in the state for three years if Title IX compliance is not achieved on or before January 1, 2025, and maintained for at least 6 months in each 12-month period after January 1, 2025, and to preserve each athletic program's college athletes' educational opportunities and grant-in-aid athletic scholarship amounts, including by requiring program cost-cutting options be implemented before, or simultaneously with, any reduction in college athletes' aggregate unduplicated participation numbers or grant-in-aid athletic scholarship amounts.

[AB 949 \(Mullin\)](#)

Amended: 3/18/2021

Title: Community Colleges: Biological Sciences Incubators

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require the Chancellor's Office to establish a grant program to provide funding to interested community colleges that, through a public-private partnership, establish a biological sciences incubator on their campuses for the participation and benefit of their students. The bill would require the Chancellor's Office to establish specific requirements for community colleges to be eligible for the grant moneys, and to work collaboratively with the community colleges that are interested in the program. The bill would appropriate, without regard to fiscal year, \$5 million to the Chancellor's Office of the California Community Colleges for allocation to community college districts for purposes of the bill.

AB 1421 (Nguyen)

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Refunds of Student Campus Fees

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require the California Community Colleges and California State University, and request the University of California, to do the following:

- Identify the students in their respective systems who were obliged to stay away from the campuses they were enrolled during the 2019–20 and 2020–21 academic years due to COVID-19
- Ascertain the amounts of campus fees collected from each of the identified students and calculate the amounts from which the students received no value because of their enforced absence from campus and which should therefore be refunded to the students
- Submit the total amounts ascertained and calculated to the Department of Finance and the Joint Legislative Budget Committee

AB 1432 (Low)

Amended: 4/29/2021

Title: The California Online Community College

Status: Senate Education Committee—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

Position:

Summary:

This bill would make the California Online Community College Act inoperative at the end of the 2022–23 academic year, effectively eliminating Calbright College.

AB 1491 (McCarty)

Amended: 3/30/2021

Title: Adult Education: Consortia: Carryover of Allocated Funds

Status: Assembly Floor—Inactive File—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

Position:

Summary:

The bill would, by July 1, 2022 (with certain exceptions) generally prohibit a member of an adult education consortium and the consortium itself from carrying over more than 15% of its allocation from the immediately prior fiscal year. The bill would authorize the consortium to reduce the annual allocation for a member if the consortium finds that the member has unspent funds remaining from the immediately prior fiscal year. The bill would require a consortium member to certify its expenditures for the immediately prior fiscal year on or before September 1, and for the consortium itself to do the same on or before September 30.

SB 40 (Hurtado)**Amended:** 6/28/2021**Title:** Health Care Workforce Development: California Medicine Scholars Program**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would, contingent upon an appropriation, create the California Medicine Scholars Program, a five-year pilot program commencing January 1, 2023. The bill would require the pilot program to establish a regional pipeline program for community college students to pursue premedical training and enter medical school, in an effort to address the shortage of primary care physicians in California and the widening disparities in access to care in vulnerable and underserved communities, including building a comprehensive statewide approach to increasing the number and representation of minority primary care physicians in the state.

SB 61 (Hurtado)**Amended:** 5/20/2021**Title:** Workforce Training Programs: Supportive Services**Status:** Senate Floor—Inactive File—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would, contingent upon an appropriation, require the California Workforce Development Board to establish and administer the Lifting Families Out of Poverty Supportive Services Program. The bill would require the board, upon appropriation by the Legislature for that purpose, to make \$50 million in grants available to applicants, including local workforce development boards, labor organizations, K–12 educational entities, community colleges, adult schools, county social service agencies, community-based organizations, business-related nonprofit organizations, and workforce intermediaries who work directly with the individuals experiencing employment barriers to ensure those individuals receive needed training, that apply for funding to provide supportive services, as defined, and are approved in accordance with the bill.

School Safety and Student Discipline

AB 1152 (Rubio, Blanca)**Title:** Postsecondary Education: COVID-19 Safety and Liability**Status:** Assembly Desk—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline**Position:****Summary:**

This is currently a spot bill that that would create clarity on a standard of care on COVID-19 safety and a temporary and targeted limitation on COVID-19 liability at postsecondary educational institutions in the state as they work to reopen for in-person instruction.

State Budget and Education Finance

[AB 1187 \(Irwin\)](#)

Title: Community Colleges: Tutoring

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

Position: Support

Summary:

This bill would provide that supervised tutoring for basic skills, and for degree-applicable and transfer-level courses, as authorized pursuant to regulations adopted by the Board of Governors on or before July 31, 2022, is eligible for state apportionment funding.

SSC Comment:

ACCCA supported an identical bill from Assemblymember Irwin that was held in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Student Health and Nutrition

[AB 940 \(McCarty\)](#)

Amended: 4/15/2021

Title: College Mental Health Services Program

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee—Suspense File—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

Position: Support

Summary:

This bill would amend Proposition 63 by appropriating \$20 million annually from the administrative account of the Mental Health Services Fund to the California Community Colleges, California State University, and University of California systems to implement the College Mental Health Services Program. The bill would require those funds to be used for the purpose of funding programs to increase campus student mental health services and mental health-related education and training. The bill would also require campuses that participate in the program to report on the use of those grant funds and to post that information on their internet websites.

[AB 1467 \(Cervantes\)](#)

Amended: 4/28/2021

Title: Student Safety: Sexual Assault Procedures and Protocols: Sexual Assault Counselors

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee—Suspense File—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require sexual assault counselors to be independent of the campus Title IX office, and to be appointed based on their experience and a demonstrated ability to effectively provide sexual violence victim with services and response.

SB 20 (Dodd)**Amended:** 3/17/2021**Title:** Student Nutrition: Eligibility for CalFresh Benefits**Status:** Senate Floor—Inactive File—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline**Position:****Summary:**

Current state law requires the Student Aid Commission to provide written notice to recipients of Cal Grant awards who qualify for participation in the CalFresh program under the federal regulation. This bill would additionally require the commission to provide written notice to students who qualify for a community college enrollment fee waiver that they qualify, or may qualify, for benefits under the CalFresh program.

Student Services

SB 228 (Leyva)**Amended:** 5/20/2021**Title:** Public Postsecondary Education: Support Services for Foster Youth: Cooperating Agencies Foster Youth Educational Support Program**Status:** Senate Floor—Inactive File—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline**Position:****Summary:**

Current law requires each community college district and the California State University, and requests the University of California, to grant priority in that system to certain foster youth or former foster youth whose dependency was established or continued by the court on or after the youth's 16th birthday. This bill would extend this requirement and request for enrollment priority for certain foster youth or former foster youth to those whose dependency was established or continued by court of competent jurisdiction, including a tribal court, on or after the youth's 13th birthday. The bill would authorize a representative of a tribe or tribal organization to verify the homeless status of an American Indian student who is a homeless youth or former homeless youth.

Tuition and Fees

AB 288 (Bonta)**Amended:** 3/15/2021**Title:** California Ban on Scholarship Displacement Act of 2021**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee—Suspense File—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would prohibit each public and private institution of higher education that receives state-funded financial assistance or enrolls students who receive state-funded student financial assistance, from reducing certain students' institution-based financial aid award below their financial need, as specified.

AB 295 (Jones-Sawyer)

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Pilot Program for Free Tuition and Fees: Working Group

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

Position:

Summary:

This bill would establish a working group consisting of representatives from the California Department of Education, the California Community Colleges Board of Governors, the Trustees of the California State University, and the Regents of the University of California to consider the creation of a pilot program, that would provide free postsecondary education in the state by replacing the system of charging students tuition and fees for enrollment at a public postsecondary institution.

AB 737 (Santiago)

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: California State University: Tuition

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

Position:

Summary:

This bill would, contingent upon a budget appropriation, prohibit California State University campuses from charging tuition or mandatory system-wide fees for any academic year (for up to 2 academic years) to a California Community College resident transfer student who completed an associate degree for transfer, received a California College Promise fee waiver, and is at least 28 years of age.

AB 1073 (Berman)

Title: Community Colleges: Students Enrolled in Early Childhood Education or Child Development Courses: Fee Waivers

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee—Suspense File—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require the governing board of each community college district to waive the fee requirement for any student enrolled in certain child development courses, who has declared a specified child development major, and who has completed and submitted either a Free Application for Federal Student Aid or a California Dream Act application.

SB 659 (Becker)

Amended: 4/22/2021

Title: Community Colleges: California College Promise

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee—Suspense File—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

Position:

Summary:

This bill would authorize, rather than require, community college districts to charge students an enrollment fee of up to \$46 per unit per semester.