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Access

[*AB 30 \(Holden\)](#)

Amended: 8/30/2019

Title: Community Colleges: College and Career Access Pathways Partnerships

Status: Senate Floor—Third Reading

Position: Support

Summary:

This bill would make various changes to the existing College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP) dual enrollment program including:

- Deleting the requirement to present the dual enrollment partnership agreement as an informational item at a separate open public meeting before taking public comment and acting to approve or disapprove the proposed agreement
- Allowing for units completed by a pupil to count towards determining a pupil's registration priority for enrollment and course registration at a community college
- Requiring the Chancellor, on or before July 31, 2020, to revise the special part-time student application process to allow pupils to complete one application for the duration of their attendance at a community college as a special part-time student participating in a CCAP partnership agreement
- Extending the operation of the CCAP partnership provisions until January 1, 2027

[AB 239 \(Salas\)](#)

Title: Community Colleges: Registered Nursing Programs

Status: Chapter 83, Statutes of 2019

Position:

Summary:

Existing law authorizes a community college registered nursing program to use any diagnostic assessment tool that is commonly used in registered nursing programs and approved by the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges until January 1, 2020.

This bill extends operation of these provisions until January 1, 2025.

[AB 806 \(Bloom\)](#)

Title: Postsecondary Education: Homeless and Former Homeless Youth

Status: Chapter 163, Statutes of 2019

Position:

Summary:

Existing law requires each community college district, which administers a priority enrollment system, to grant priority registration enrollment to homeless youth with a sunset date of January 1, 2020. This bill extends the operation of this provision indefinitely.

AB 1645 (Rubio, Blanca)

Title: Student Support Services: Dreamer Resource Liaisons

Status: Senate Floor—Third Reading

Position:

Summary:

This bill would, commencing with the 2020-21 academic year, require the California Community Colleges to designate a Dreamer Resource Liaison on each of their respective campuses to assist students meeting specified requirements, including undocumented students, by streamlining access to all available financial aid, social services, state-funded immigration legal services, internships, externships, and academic opportunities for those students.

SSC Comment:

This bill is a reintroduction of last year's AB 2477; community colleges were amended out of the bill before being approved by the Legislature and subsequently vetoed by Governor Jerry Brown.

AB 1729 (Smith)

Amended: 5/16/2019

Title: Pupils: Attendance At Community College

Status: Senate Floor—Consent

Position:

Summary:

Existing law limits the number of pupils a principal is authorized to recommend for community college summer session pursuant to specified provisions to 5% of the total number of pupils in any grade level.

This bill would extend the current 5% limit exemptions until July 1, 2027 and would additionally exempt, from the 5% limitation, pupils who are enrolled in certain community college courses, and would explicitly provide that the 5% limitation applies to pupils enrolled in physical education courses at the community colleges under these provisions, would prohibit the Board of Governors from including enrollment growth attributable to pupils enrolled pursuant to these provisions as part of its annual budget request for the California Community Colleges, and would require the Chancellor to report to the Department of Finance the number of pupils who enrolled and received a passing grade in a community college summer session course under these provisions.

***SB 484 (Portantino)**

Amended: 9/3/2019

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Community College Transfer Students

Status: Assembly Floor—Third Reading

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require the governing board of each community college district to direct the appropriate officials at their respective campuses to identify those students who have completed an associate degree for transfer, notify those students of their completion of the degree requirements, automatically award those students the degree, and add those students to an identification system at the end of each academic year that the Office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges would be required to maintain and that would be accessible electronically by the California State University, the University of California, and independent institutions of higher education, as defined. The bill would authorize a student to affirmatively exercise an option to not receive an associate degree for transfer or to not be included in the identification

system. These provisions would be implemented in full commencing with the fall term of the 2020–21 academic year.

[SB 554 \(Roth\)](#)

Amended: 4/10/2019

Title: Public Schools: Adult School Students: Advanced Scholastic and Vocational Training Program

Status: To Enrollment

Position:

Summary:

This bill would authorize a school district overseeing an adult education program or the governing board of a community college district overseeing a noncredit program to authorize a student pursuing a high school diploma or a high school equivalency certificate to enroll as a special part-time student at a community college.

[SB 586 \(Roth\)](#)

Amended: 8/13/2019

Title: College and Career Access Pathways Partnerships

Status: Assembly Floor—Third Reading

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require the governing board of a school district and the governing board of a community college district or the governing body of a charter school providing career technical education pathways under a College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP) partnership, as a condition of, and before adopting a CCAP partnership agreement, to consult with the appropriate local workforce development board to determine the extent to which the pathways are aligned with regional and statewide employment needs. Instead of a requirement under existing law that the governing board of each district present a proposed CCAP partnership agreement at an open public meeting of the board and, at a subsequent open public meeting of the board, take comments from the public and approve or disapprove the proposed agreement, the bill would require the governing board of each district to present, take comments from the public on, and subsequently approve or disapprove the proposed agreement at an open public meeting of the board. The bill would extend the operation of the CCAP partnership provisions for 5 years.

College and Career

[*AB 23 \(Burke\)](#)

Amended: 8/30/2019

Title: Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development: Business Workforce Coordination Unit

Status: Senate Floor—Third Reading

Position:

Summary:

This bill would establish a Business Workforce Coordination Unit within the Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz). Among other duties, the bill would require the unit to collaborate and coordinate with the Labor and Workforce Development Agency, the California Workforce Development Board, the California Department of Education, the Office of the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office, the Employment Training Panel, local workforce development boards, business, industry and other public and private workforce development entities to facilitate a broader understanding of the workforce needs of businesses seeking to expand their operations in California, address a skills shortage, or upskill their workforce.

AB 1303 (O'Donnell)**Amended:** 6/24/2019**Title:** School Facilities: Civic Center Act: Direct Costs**Status:** Re-Referred to Assembly Education Committee**Position:** Watch**Summary:**

This bill originally would have eliminated the K–12 Strong Workforce Program under the umbrella of the California Community Colleges; however, since the author was not able to get the provisions of this bill into the 2019-20 State Budget Act he has gutted and amended its contents and the bill is no longer relevant to community colleges.

AB 1727 (Weber)**Amended:** 8/30/2019**Title:** Community Colleges: Career Development and College Preparation Courses**Status:** Senate Floor—Third Reading**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would require the Board of Governors to adopt regulations, no later than April 15, 2020, requiring the accounting, for purposes of state funding of community colleges, of students enrolled in term-length career development and college preparation courses to be conducted by positive attendance count or on a census date basis in accord with certain computational requirements.

SSC Comment:

This bill would change the current noncredit accounting method to give a much higher apportionment.

Employees

AB 314 (Bonta)**Amended:** 4/22/2019**Title:** Public Employment: Labor Relations: Release Time**Status:** Senate Floor—Third Reading**Position:****Summary:**

The bill would require specified public employers, including those under the Higher Education Employer-Employee Relations Act and the Educational Employment Relations Act, to grant a reasonable number of employee representatives of the exclusive representative reasonable time off without loss of compensation or other benefits for specified activities:

- To investigate and process grievances or otherwise enforce a collective bargaining agreement or memorandum of understanding
- To meet and confer or meet and negotiate with the public employer on matters within the scope of representation
- To testify or appear as the designated representative of the exclusive representative in conferences, hearings, or other proceedings before the Public Employment Relations Board or similar bodies

- To testify or appear as the designated representative of the exclusive representative before the governing body of the public employer, or a personnel, civil service, or merit commission
- To serve as a representative of the exclusive representative for new employee orientations
- The bill would require the exclusive representative to provide reasonable notice requesting an absence in this connection. The bill would specify that its provisions prescribe minimum release time rights and would prescribe requirements regarding the relation of its provisions to other labor agreements that address release time.

[AB 406 \(Limón\)](#)

Amended: 6/20/2019

Title: Disability Compensation: Paid Family Leave: Application In Non-English Languages

Status: Senate Floor—Consent

Position:

Summary:

This bill would, beginning January 1, 2025, require the Employment Development Department to distribute the application for family temporary disability insurance benefits, in addition to the application in English, in all non-English languages spoken by a substantial number of non-English-speaking applicants.

[AB 463 \(Cervantes\)](#)

Amended: 3/12/2019

Title: Community Colleges: Faculty Members: Loan Forgiveness

Status: Assembly Desk

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require the Chancellor’s Office to develop and provide to community college districts specified materials designed to increase awareness of the federal Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program among community college faculty members. The bill would require the governing board of a community college district to annually provide the materials to those faculty members and to annually provide a faculty member who is enrolled in the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program with notice of renewal and a copy of the employment certification form required to be completed for purposes of the program, with the employer portion of the form already completed.

[AB 500 \(Gonzalez\)](#)

Title: School and Community College Employees: Paid Maternity Leave

Status: To Enrollment

Position: Oppose

Summary:

This bill would require the governing board of a community college district, school district, and charter school to provide at least six weeks of a leave of absence with full pay for a certificated employee, or an academic employee, of the district or charter school who is required to be absent from duty because of pregnancy, miscarriage, childbirth, and recovery from those conditions. The bill would authorize the paid leave to begin before and continue after childbirth if the employee is actually disabled by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related condition.

SSC Comment:

This bill is a reintroduction of Assembly Member Gonzalez's AB 568 from 2017, which was vetoed by Governor Jerry Brown. This bill is one of a number of bills being reintroduced that were vetoed under Governor Brown's tenure with the hope that it has a better chance of being signed into law under Governor Newsom.

[AB 644](#) (Committee on Public Employment and Retirement)

Amended: 3/25/2019

Title: State Teachers' Retirement: Compensation.

Status: Chapter 96, Statutes of 2019

Position:

Summary:

This bill revises the definition of compensation earnable for the purposes of the California State Teachers' Retirement System to be the sum of the average annualized pay rate, as defined, paid in a school year divided by the service credited for that school year and the remuneration paid in addition to salary or wages. The bill makes various conforming changes in accordance with the revised definition of compensation earnable.

SSC Comment:

This is a CalSTRS-sponsored bill.

[AB 706](#) (Low)

Title: Community Colleges: Academic Employees

Status: Chapter 100, Statutes of 2019

Position:

Summary:

Existing law requires that the total amount of leave of absence for illness or injury to which an academic employee of a community college district is entitled be transferred with the employee to another district, if the employee accepts employment with, or is elected to, another district within three school years after the school year in which the employment with the first district is terminated, or within any greater period during which the employee's reemployment rights are protected under a local bargaining agreement then in effect in the first district.

This bill would eliminate limits on the time during which an employee of one school year or more is entitled to transfer the employee's accrued leave.

AB 1153 (Wicks)*Amended:** 8/30/2019**Title:** Mandated Child Abuse Reporting Employee Training Act of 2020**Status:** Senate Floor—Third Reading**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would establish the Mandated Child Abuse Reporting Employee Training Act of 2020, which would require each governing board of a community college district to:

- Annually train—using the online training module developed by the California Department of Education, or other training—employees and administrators of the district who are mandated reporters on the mandated reporting requirements
- Develop a process for those persons required to receive training under the bill to provide proof of completing this training within the first six weeks of each academic year or within six weeks of that person's employment
- Develop a process to identify the students who are minors enrolled in classes at the community college district and provide that information only to faculty members and other employees who are mandated reporters

AB 1452 (O'Donnell)**Amended:** 3/26/2019**Title:** State Teachers' Retirement**Status:** Senate Floor—Consent**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would prohibit aggregating creditable service in more than one position for the purpose of determining mandatory membership on a part-time basis for 50% or more of the time the employer requires for a full-time position, as specified.

SSC Comment:

This is a CalSTRS-sponsored bill.

SB 266 (Leyva)**Amended:** 9/3/2019**Title:** Public Employees' Retirement System: Disallowed Compensation: Benefit Adjustments**Status:** Assembly Floor—Third Reading**Position:****Summary:**

After determining that compensation for an employee member is disallowed, with respect to retired members, survivors, or beneficiaries whose benefits are based on disallowed final compensation, this bill would require the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) to adjust the benefit to reflect the exclusion of the disallowed compensation, and provide that contributions made on the disallowed compensation be credited against future contributions on behalf of the employer entity that reported the disallowed compensation. This bill would also require CalPERS to provide confidential contact information of retired members, and their survivors and beneficiaries who are affected by these provisions, to the relevant employing entities, the confidentiality of which the employing entities would be required to maintain.

Additionally, the bill would require the employing entity to refund overpayment costs to (CalPERS) and to pay retired members, survivors, and beneficiaries whose benefits have been reduced an annuity, or a lump sum, as prescribed, that reflects the difference between the monthly allowance that was based on the disallowed compensation and the adjusted monthly allowance calculated without the disallowed compensation.

SSC Comment:

This bill puts employers on the hook for compensating a retiree if CalPERS determines that he or she has been overpaid in their retirement. The bill recently passed out of the Senate and will soon be referred to the Assembly Public Employment and Retirement Committee shortly.

Facilities

AB 48 (O'Donnell)

Amended: 7/8/2019

Title: Education Finance: School Facilities: Kindergarten-Community Colleges Public Education Facilities Bond Acts of 2020 and 2022

Status: Senate Rules Committee

Position: Watch

Summary:

This bill would put K–14 school facilities bonds on the 2020 and 2022 ballots. The bill would include certain preschool facilities, add a matching requirement for the lead program, and set the 2020 bond amount at \$13 billion (2022 bond amount still unspecified). The bonds would be allocated to the following K–12 programs:

- New construction
- Modernization
- Replacement of facilities older than 75 years
- Joint use
- Remediation of lead in water
- Charter school facilities
- Career technical education

The bill would require the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges to review and evaluate applications for capital outlay allocations of funds made available for community college facilities. The bill would also require the Board of Governors to prepare an annual capital outlay spending plan for recommended expenditures of funds pursuant to those bond acts.

The bill would also add provisions to the act to require the Department of General Services to process, and present to the State Allocation Board, all applications received under the act on and after July 1, 2020, within 120 days of receipt of the application.

AB 695 (Medina)*Amended:** 8/30/2019**Title:** Community College Facilities: Design-Build Contracts**Status:** Assembly Floor—Concurrence**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would prohibit a design-build entity, on or after July 1, 2020, from being prequalified or shortlisted for a design-build contract by a community college district unless the entity provides to the community college district a similar enforceable commitment with respect to the use of a skilled and trained workforce. The bill would extend the authorization for community college districts to enter into design-build contracts to January 1, 2030.

Health/Safety

AB 302 (Berman)*Amended:** 8/30/2019**Title:** Parking: Homeless Students**Status:** Senate Floor—Inactive Rile**Position:** Oppose**Summary:**

This bill would require a community college campus that has parking facilities on campus to grant overnight access to those facilities, on or before July 1, 2021, to any homeless student who is enrolled in at least six units of coursework, has paid any enrollment fees that have not been waived, and is in good standing with the community college until December 31, 2023. The bill would require the governing board of the community college district to determine a plan of action to implement this requirement. The provisions would not apply to a community college parking facility located within 250 feet of an elementary school.

The overnight parking facilities requirements would not apply to colleges providing at least one of the following specified homeless student housing services on or before July 1, 2021:

- Emergency grants that are necessary to secure, or prevent the imminent loss of housing
- Hotel vouchers through a public agency or community organization
- Rapid rehousing referral services

The bill would also require each community college that qualifies for the exemption to send a stand-alone email about these available services to all students at the beginning of each semester or quarter and include this information as part of any orientation for students describing the housing services that are available. Additionally, the bill would also require a housing assistance tab to be clearly visible and easily accessible from a drop-down menu on the community college's home page.

SSC Comment:

Assemblymember Berman announced that he is shelving this bill for 2019 due to the Senate Appropriations Committee amendments. The bill can be revived in 2020.

AB 381 (Reyes)**Amended:** 3/21/2019**Title:** Postsecondary Education: Sexual Assault and Sexual Violence Prevention Training: Intimate Partner and Dating Violence**Status:** Chapter 87, Statutes of 2019**Position:****Summary:**

This bill adds domestic violence centers to the existing on-campus and community-based organizations with which governing boards should enter into memoranda of understanding, agreements, or collaborative partnerships, to the extent feasible. This bill provides that the outreach programming required by this provision include informing students about specified topics relating to intimate partner and dating violence, and specifies that incoming graduate, international, and transfer students be included in the definition of incoming students for the purposes of who is provided outreach programming.

AB 1000 (Cervantes)**Amended:** 6/11/2019**Title:** Student Safety**Status:** Chapter 125, Statutes of 2019**Position:****Summary:**

Existing law requires the governing board of a community college district to adopt and implement a written procedure or protocols relating to sexual assault, as provided.

This bill would require these postsecondary entities, including the University of California if the regents make it applicable by appropriate resolution, to annually review, and update as necessary in collaboration with sexual assault counselors and student, faculty, and staff representatives, the written procedure or protocols.

Instruction

SB 462 (Stern)**Amended:** 6/13/2019**Title:** Community Colleges: Urban and Rural Forest and Woodlands Restoration and Fire Resiliency Workforce Program**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee—Suspense File—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline—No Longer Being Reported**Position:****Summary:**

Originally, this bill would have established the College-Focused Rapid Rehousing Program, but since the 2019-20 State Budget Bill provides a \$9 million ongoing investment for a similar program, the author decided to gut and amend the bill and its provisions are no longer relevant to community colleges.

Miscellaneous

[AB 130 \(Low\)](#)

Amended: 8/13/2019

Title: Postsecondary Education: Higher Education Performance, Accountability, and Coordination Commission

Status: Senate Floor—Third Reading

Position:

Summary:

This bill would establish the Higher Education Performance, Accountability, and Coordination Commission. The commission would consist of five public members (one appointed by the Assembly Speaker, one appointed by the Senate Rules Committee, and three appointed by the Governor subject to Senate confirmation) with experience in postsecondary education. The bill would require the commission to develop and publish an independent annual report on the condition of higher education in California. The bill would require the Legislative Analyst's Office to report on the performance of the commission to the Legislature by January 1, 2025.

[AB 595 \(Medina\)](#)

Title: Community Colleges: Apprenticeship Programs

Status: Chapter 176, Statutes of 2019

Position:

Summary:

This bill authorizes a student enrolled in a community college class or classes pursuant to an apprenticeship training program or an internship training program who does not have a social security number to use an individual tax identification number for purposes of any background check required by the class or program.

[AB 703 \(Weber\)](#)

Amended: 7/10/2019

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Fee Waivers for Exonerated Persons

Status: To Enrollment

Position:

Summary:

Existing law prohibits the California Community Colleges, the California State University, and, if they adopt an appropriate resolution, the University of California, from collecting mandatory system wide tuition and fees from certain persons. Existing law prohibits collecting mandatory system wide tuition and fees from any surviving spouse or child of a deceased state resident who was principally employed in law enforcement service or active fire suppression and prevention and died as a result of those duties.

This bill would prohibit those institutions, and community college districts, from collecting mandatory system wide tuition and fees from persons exonerated of crimes by writ of habeas corpus or pardon, and who meet certain requirements.

AB 943 (Chiu)**Amended:** 5/9/2019**Title:** Community Colleges: Student Equity and Achievement Program Funds**Status:** To Enrollment**Position:** Watch**Summary:**

This bill would authorize the use of funding for the Student Equity and Achievement Program for the provision of emergency student financial assistance if emergency student financial assistance is included in the college's plan for intervention to students. The financial assistance would be provided to eligible students to overcome unforeseen financial challenges that would directly impact their ability to persist in their course of study.

SSC Comment:

This bill is a reintroduction of last year's Assembly Bill 1468, which was held in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 1184 (Gloria)*Amended:** 8/30/2019**Title:** Public Records: Writing Transmitted By Electronic Mail: Retention**Status:** Senate Floor—Third Reading**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would require a public agency, for the purposes of the California Public Records Act (CPRA), to retain and preserve for at least two years every public record, as defined, that is transmitted by electronic mail, unless a longer retention period is required by statute or regulation or established by the Secretary of State pursuant to the State Records Management Act. This bill addresses the question of how long public agencies must retain electronic writings, or emails.

SSC Comment:

The League of California Cities, California Special Districts Association, and other local governments are opposing this bill since the CPRA provides for no reimbursement of the cost of retaining this information.

AB 1313 (Rivas, Luz)*Amended:** 6/6/2019**Title:** Higher Education: Prohibited Debt Collection Practices**Status:** Assembly Desk**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would prohibit a public or private university from refusing to provide a transcript for a current or former student on the grounds that the student owes a debt, conditioning the provision of a transcript on the payment of a debt, charging a higher fee for obtaining a transcript or providing less favorable treatment because a student owes a debt, or using transcript issuance as a tool for debt collection.

ACR 31 (Limón)**Amended:** 3/11/2019**Title:** California Community College Month**Status:** Chapter 51, Statutes of 2019**Position:****Summary:**

This measure recognizes April 2019 as California Community College Month.

SB 3 (Allen)**Amended:** 4/11/2019**Title:** Office of Higher Education Coordination, Accountability, and Performance**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee—Suspense File—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline—No Longer Being Reported**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would establish the Office of Higher Education Coordination, Accountability, and Performance. The office would be administered by a five member board with three members appointed by the Governor (subject to confirmation by the Senate), one member appointed by the Senate Rules Committee, and one member appointed by the Assembly Speaker. The bill would require the governing board to establish an advisory body, comprising 11 members to provide recommendations to the governing board on issues before the governing board. On or before January 31 of every year, the bill would require the office to submit a report to the Legislature and the Governor on its progress in achieving its functions and responsibilities.

The bill would give the office specified functions and responsibilities for purposes of statewide postsecondary education planning, oversight, data collection, and coordination including:

- Advise on the need and optimal locations for a new segment of public postsecondary education
- Review legislative and budget proposals from the public postsecondary segments and make recommendations regarding these proposals
- Provide independent oversight on the public postsecondary segments' and individual campus-based programs and initiatives and cross-segmental and interagency programs and initiatives
- The bill would require the public postsecondary segments and the Labor and Workforce Development Agency to submit specified data to the office so it may carry out its functions and responsibilities.

SB 390 (Umberg)**Amended:** 6/20/2019**Title:** School Safety: School Security Officers and Security Guards**Status:** Assembly Floor—Third Reading**Position:****Summary:**

Under existing law, every school security officer employed by a school district or community college district and every security guard working on the property of a school district or community college district pursuant to a contract with a private licensed security agency, who works more than 20 hours a week as a school security officer or security guard, is required to complete a course of training developed by the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services of the Department of Consumer Affairs in consultation with the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training.

This bill would require those school security officers, commencing July 1, 2021, and security guards, to complete that training course regardless of the number of hours worked per week. The bill would also require school districts, charter schools, county offices of education, and community college districts to provide the training required for their employees during regular work hours, except as specified.

***SB 468 (Jackson)**

Amended: 9/3/2019

Title: Taxation: Tax Expenditures: California Tax Expenditure Review Board

Status: Assembly Floor—Third Reading

Position:

Summary:

This bill would establish the California Tax Expenditure Review Board as an independent body to comprehensively assess major tax expenditures (exemptions and credits), and make recommendations to the Legislature. The Board would consist of the following five members:

- The Controller, or the Controller's designee
- The Legislative Analyst, or the Legislative Analyst's designee
- The State Auditor, or State Auditor's designee
- The Director of Finance, or the Director of Finance's designee
- An individual designated by the Secretary of the Government Operations agency who possesses expertise regarding tax administration and tax expenditures by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration and the Franchise Tax Board

SB 493 (Jackson)

Amended: 8/12/2019

Title: Education: Sex Equity

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee—Suspense File—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline—No Longer Being Reported

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require, by January 1, 2021, a postsecondary institution that receives state funds to comply with various requirements pertaining to student sexual harassment protections and to provide students with procedural protections relating to claims of sexual harassment. Specifically, this bill requires the governing board or body of each of these institutions to:

- Disseminate a notice of nondiscrimination to each employee, volunteer, and individual or entity contracted with the institution
- Designate at least one employee of the institution to coordinate its efforts to comply with this bill's requirements
- Adopt rules and procedures for the prevention of sexual harassment
- Create procedures for the investigation of sexual harassment policy violations

- Adopt and publish on its website grievance procedures related to the prompt and equitable resolution of sexual harassment complaints
- Publish on its website the name, title, and contact information for the employee designated to coordinate the institution's efforts to comply with this bill's requirements and individuals with the authority to investigate complaints or to institute corrective measure
- Provide training for each employee engaged in the grievance procedure
- Provide training for residential life student and nonstudent staff on trauma-informed handling of reports regarding incidents of sexual harassment at an institution with on-campus housing
- Notify employees of the obligation to report sexual harassment to appropriate school officials
- Provide training to all employees on the identification of sexual harassment

In addition, this bill authorizes the Attorney General and any student or former student who alleges to have suffered injury caused by a violation of these provisions to bring an action in a court to enjoin, or recover specified damages for, a violation of its provisions. The bill also authorizes a court to assess a civil penalty not to exceed \$2,500 per day of violation and \$50,000 total per violation, against a postsecondary institution found to have violated this act in an action brought by the Attorney General.

[SB 568 \(Portantino\)](#)

Amended: 6/13/2019

Title: Public Holidays: Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day

Status: To Enrollment

Position: Support

Summary:

Originally, this bill would have established the College-Focused Rapid Rehousing Program, but since the 2019-20 State Budget Bill provides a \$9 million ongoing investment for a similar program, the author decided to gut and amend the bill and its provisions are no longer relevant to community colleges.

[SCA 5 \(Hill\)](#)

Amended: 4/22/2019

Title: Taxation: School Districts: Parcel Tax

Status: Senate Floor—Inactive File

Position:

Summary:

This bill would place a proposition on the ballot that would lower the parcel tax threshold for school and community college districts from two-thirds to 55%.

State Budget and Education Finance

[AB 74 \(Ting\)](#)

Amended: 6/10/2019

Title: Budget Act of 2019

Status: Chapter 23, Statutes of 2019

Position:

Summary:

This is the 2019-20 State Budget Bill that was passed by the Legislature on a party-line vote and sent to Governor Gavin Newsom for his consideration. The Governor can approve the Budget bill as presented to him, approve the Budget bill with specific line item reductions, and veto the Budget bill and send it back to the Legislature.

[AB 720 \(Muratsuchi\)](#)

Amended: 4/11/2019

Title: Community Colleges: Funding: Instructional Service Agreements With Public Safety Agencies

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee—Suspense File—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline—No Longer Being Reported

Position:

Summary:

This bill would provide that instruction by community college districts under instructional service agreements with public safety agencies would be funded under the apportionment formula used for instruction in career development and college preparation.

[SB 75 \(Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review\)](#)

Amended: 6/20/2019

Title: Education Finance: Education Omnibus Budget Trailer Bill

Status: Chapter 51, Statutes of 2019

Position:

Summary:

This bill and AB 75 are the early education and K-14 education omnibus trailer bills, which contains provisions for K-14 education.

[SB 76 \(Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review\)](#)

Amended: 6/11/2019

Title: Education Finance: Constitutional Minimum Funding Obligation: Inflation and Cost-of-Living Adjustments

Status: Chapter 52, Statutes of 2019

Position:

Summary:

This bill and AB 76 are the trailer bills that make changes to the Proposition 98 certification process based on inflation and cost-of-living-adjustments.

[SB 77 \(Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review\)](#)

Amended: 6/11/2019

Title: Higher Education Trailer Bill

Status: Chapter 52, Statutes of 2019

Position:

Summary:

This bill and AB 77 are the higher education trailer bills, which contains provisions for the California Community Colleges, California State University, and University of California.

Student Health and Nutrition

[AB 809 \(Santiago\)](#)

Amended: 5/23/2019

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Child Development Programs: Priority Enrollment: Title IX Protection: Pregnancy and Parental Status

Status: To Enrollment

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require public postsecondary institutions to post on its website, and to provide to an expectant parent through on-campus health clinics, notification of protections under Title IX for pregnant students and parenting students.

[SB 660 \(Pan\)](#)

Amended: 5/17/2019

Title: Postsecondary Education: Mental Health Counselors

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee—Suspense File—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline—No Longer Being Reported

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require the governing board of each community college district and the California State University to establish a goal of having one full-time equivalent mental health counselor with an applicable California license per 1,500 students enrolled at each of their respective campuses to the extent consistent with state and federal law. The bill would also require those institutions, on or before January 1, 2021, and every three years thereafter, to report to the Legislature how funding was spent and the number of mental health counselors employed on each of its campuses. The bill would require each campus of those institutions to, at least every three years, conduct a campus survey and focus groups to understand students' needs and challenges regarding their mental health, would require each campus of those institutions to collect data on attempted suicides, and would require that data, without any personally identifiable information and collected in accordance with state and federal privacy law, to be included in the report to the Legislature.

SSC Comment:

Governor Brown vetoed similar legislation in 2018, citing both local control of universities and the need to discuss such an investment of new resources through the State Budget process.

Tuition and Fees

[*AB 2 \(Santiago\)](#)

Amended: 8/30/2019

Title: Community Colleges: California College Promise

Status: Senate Floor—Third Reading

Position: Watch

Summary:

This bill would make a community college student who has previously earned a degree or certificate from a postsecondary educational institution ineligible for the California College Promise fee waiver. The bill would also allow a student enrolled in fewer than twelve units to be deemed “full time” at the discretion of the institution if the student has been certified as “full time” by a staff person in the disabled student services program at an institution who is qualified to make such a designation. Additionally, the bill would require the Chancellor’s office to submit a report to the Legislature on or before July 1, 2024, evaluating the use of funding for the California College Promise to waive student fees.

[*AB 540 \(Limón\)](#)

Amended: 8/30/2019

Title: Postsecondary Education: Student Financial Aid: California Dreamer Service Incentive Grant Program

Status: Assembly Floor—Concurrence

Position:

Summary:

This bill would change the name of the Cal Grant B Service Incentive Grant Program to the California Dreamer Service Incentive Grant Program. The bill would require that an organization at which the community or volunteer service is performed by a participating student under the program to have been established for a minimum of two years before the first date on which a participating student begins performing service hours to qualify for the program. The program would be under the administration of the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) for students that qualify for the exemption from nonresident tuition established by AB 540 (Firebaugh), Chapter 814/2001.

[*AB 1307 \(Rubio, Blanca\)](#)

Amended: 9/5/2019

Title: Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant Program

Status: Senate Floor—Second Reading

Position:

Summary:

This bill would create, beginning in the 2020–21 award year, a new Cal Grant formula for nonprofit independent institutions of higher education. The formula is to be set and maintained at 80% of the sum of the General Fund share of the California State University (CSU) marginal cost of instruction and the maximum Cal Grant award for tuition at the CSU.

AB 1504 (Medina)**Amended:** 6/11/2019**Title:** Community Colleges: Student Representation Fee: Statewide Community College Student Organization: Goals**Status:** To Enrollment**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would require the officials at a community college, if a student body association has been established, to collect a student representation fee of \$2 at the time of registration, and would eliminate the authorization for a student election to terminate the fee. The bill would also eliminate the requirement that the student provide a reason for refusing to pay the fee and would require a community college to provide the student a means to refuse to pay the fee on the same form that is used for the collection of fees. This bill would require that \$1 of the \$2 fee be expended to establish and support the operation of a statewide community college organization for all student representation fees collected, rather than only for those fees adopted on or after January 1, 2014. This bill would add supporting student participation and engagement in statewide higher education policy and advocacy activities to the required goals of the statewide community college student organization.

AJR 2 (Voepel)**Amended:** 6/11/2019**Title:** The Federal Pell Grant Program Awards**Status:** Chapter 98, Statutes of 2019**Position:****Summary:**

This measure would respectfully request Congress and the President of the United States to immediately take action to increase the maximum annual amount of the federal Pell Grant Program award from \$6,195 to at least \$7,500 to further help low-income college students alleviate the burden of postsecondary education debt.

SB 150 (Beall)*Amended:** 9/5/2019**Title:** Student Financial Aid: Chafee Grant Awards**Status:** Assembly Floor—Third Reading**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would revise a component of the eligibility requirements for the Chafee Educational and Training Vouchers (ETV) program to allow recipients to continue to be eligible for the award while failing to demonstrate satisfactory academic progress for two consecutive years. If a student is failing to meet satisfactory academic progress after the second semester or third academic quarter, or an equivalent time period, this bill requires students to work with an appropriate staff member to develop an educational improvement plan as a condition of Chafee funds being released for that semester. This bill also establishes processes for appeal and reinstatement for an awardee who loses Chafee eligibility. This bill authorizes the California Student Aid Commission to make initial award offers for the Chafee ETV program that total up to 200% of the total program funds available for all awards.