



September 13, 2022

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor of the State of California
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Request for Signature on AB 1187 (Irwin)

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of the Association of California Community College Administrators (ACCCA), I am writing to respectfully request your signature on Assembly Bill (AB) 1187. This bill expands the type of noncredit courses that are eligible for state apportionment funding to include supervised tutoring for foundational skills, and for degree-applicable and transfer level courses authorized by the California Community College's Board of Governors.

According to pre-pandemic data supplied by the College of the Canyons, students that do not receive tutoring have a 70% success rate in a class, but those numbers steadily climb for students that do receive additional support. The data shows that students who receive tutoring services yield a 78% success rate with 1-9 hours of assistance, 80% with 10-19 hours, and 82% with 20 or more hours of support.

Currently, colleges receive funding for tutoring in basic skills courses, such as remedial English or math, but not for other courses needed to transfer to a four-year institution. AB 1187 would remedy that by ensuring that tutoring for all credit and noncredit courses are eligible for apportionment funding. ACCCA supports AB 1187 because it will help students receive the support that they need to successfully achieve their educational goals during an unprecedented time under COVID-19.

For these reasons, we strongly support AB 1187 and ask for your signature on this important measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Susan Bray', is written over a white background.

Susan Bray
Executive Director

cc: The Honorable Jacqui Irwin
Michelle McKay Underwood, Legislative Advocate, School Services of California Inc.
Nicole Murillo, Office of Governor Gavin Newsom