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Access

***[AB 255](#) (Alanis)**

Amended: 9/1/2023

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Priority Registration for First Responders

Status: Assembly Floor—Concurrence

Position:

Summary:

Originally, this bill would have required each community college district and the California State University (CSU) to grant priority registration for enrollment to first responders. However, the Senate Appropriations Committee amended community college out of the bill and now only applies the requirement to the CSU system. Because of this amendment, we will remove this bill in the next report.

***[AB 368](#) (Holden)**

Amended: 9/6/2023

Title: College and Career Access Pathways Partnerships

Status: To Enrollment

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require community colleges that participate in College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP) partnerships to provide priority registration for participating high school students. The bill would also add clarity to existing sections of the CCAP partnerships by providing a definition for "underrepresented in higher education" and that courses offered in CCAP partnerships may be provided to students on either a high school campus or a community college campus.

Affordability

[AB 607](#) (Kalra)

Amended: 8/15/2023

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Course Materials

Status: To Enrollment

Position:

Summary:

This bill would, beginning July 1, 2024, require each community college and California State University campus to prominently display the estimated costs for each course of all required course materials and fees directly related to those materials in an annually increasing percentage. The schedule for that annually increasing percentage is for no less than 40% of the estimated costs by January 1, 2025, 55% by January 1, 2026, 65% by January 1, 2027, and 75% by January 1, 2028, of the total number of courses on the online campus course schedule for which a faculty member or course instructor has been assigned. "Course materials," as used in this paragraph, include digital or physical textbooks, devices such as calculators and remote attendance platforms, and software subscriptions.

College & Career

***[AB 634](#) (Ward)**

Amended: 9/1/2023

Title: Community Colleges: Career Development and College Preparation Courses.

Status: Assembly Floor—Concurrence

Position:

Summary:

Existing law makes specified community college career development and college preparation courses and classes for which credit is not given and that are offered in a sequence of courses leading to certain outcomes eligible for state funding. This bill would instead make the same courses and classes for which credit is not given eligible for state funding if those courses are offered in both face-to-face and distance education instructional methods.

[AB 1695](#) (Gipson)

Amended: 7/5/2023

Title: Career Technical Education: Nursing Pathway Pilot Program

Status: Senate Desk

Position:

Summary:

This bill would establish the Nursing Pathway Pilot Program in high schools to create pathways toward associate degrees in nursing at the California Community Colleges (CCC). More specifically, the bill would require the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to, subject to an appropriation, allocate funding for the development of career pathways toward an associate degree in nursing at community college schoolsites. The bill would require that a student who completes a pilot program be granted preferential enrollment status toward an associate degree at any CCC, subject to the establishment of additional capacity in community college nursing programs above and beyond the level in place for the 2024-25 academic year.

[SB 467](#) (Portantino)

Title: Community Colleges: Apprenticeship or Internship Training Programs

Status: Signed by the Governor, Chapter 73, Statutes of 2023

Position:

Summary:

This bill prohibits a student from being denied admission to a community college apprenticeship or internship training program because the student uses an individual tax identification number for purposes of the background check required by the class or program.

Employees

[AB 472 \(Wicks\)](#)

Amended: 5/18/2023

Title: Classified School District and Community College Employees: Compulsory Leaves of Absence: Compensation

Status: To Enrollment

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require K-14 districts to provide back pay to any classified employee if the district places the employee on an involuntary leave of absence during the period in which the employee is charged with a criminal offense, under investigation, or waiting due to administrative delay for necessary job-related administrative determinations, if the determination is found in favor of the employee.

[AB 504 \(Reyes\)](#)

Amended: 9/7/2023

Title: State and Local Public Employees: Labor Relations: Strikes

Status: To Enrollment

Position:

Summary:

This bill would provide that it is not unlawful or a cause for discipline or other adverse action against a public employee for that public employee to refuse to enter property that is the site of a primary strike, perform work for an employer involved in a primary strike, or go through or work behind a primary strike line. The bill would prohibit a public employer from directing an employee to take those actions. The bill would authorize a recognized employee organization to inform employees of these rights and encourage them to exercise those rights. The bill would also state that a provision in a public employer policy or collective bargaining agreement that purports to limit or waive the rights set forth in this provision shall be void against public policy, except that the bill would require the parties to negotiate over the bill's provisions if the bill is in conflict with a collective bargaining agreement entered into before January 1, 2024.

[*AB 518 \(Wicks\)](#)

Amended: 9/8/2023

Title: Paid Family Leave: Eligibility: Care for Designated Persons

Status: Senate Floor—Inactive File

Position:

Summary:

This bill would, beginning November 1, 2024, expand eligibility for benefits under the Paid Family Leave program to include individuals who take time off work to care for a seriously ill designated person. This bill defines "designated person" to mean any individual related by blood or whose association with the employee is the equivalent of a family relationship.

[AB 575](#) (Papan)*Amended:** 9/8/2023**Title:** Paid Family Leave**Status:** To Enrollment**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would, beginning February 1, 2025, expand eligibility for the Paid Family Leave (PFL) program to provide benefits to workers who take time off work to bond with a minor child within one year of assuming the responsibilities of a child in loco parentis, as defined. Additionally, this bill would delete the restriction in law specifying that an individual is not eligible for PFL benefits if another family member is ready, willing, and able and available to provide the required care, and would delete the authorization for an employer to require an employee to take two weeks of vacation leave before accessing PFL benefits that are funded by employees.

[AB 1699](#) (McCarty)*Amended:** 9/7/2023**Title:** K-14 Classified Employees: Part-Time or Full-Time Vacancies: Public Postings**Status:** To Enrollment**Position:** Oppose**Summary:**

This bill would require school and community college employers to offer any vacancies for part-time and full-time positions with priority to current regular nonprobationary classified employees who meet the minimum job qualifications of the position or who could meet the minimum job qualifications before their start date, unless otherwise negotiated by the employer and the applicable union. The bill would require the employer to provide all of its classified employees and their union notice of, and instructions for applying for, any new classified position at least ten business days before the general public is authorized to apply for the position. The bill would permit the employer to offer the new position to an external applicant only if no qualified internal candidate applies for or accepts the new position within at least ten business days after the employer provides notice. The bill would not apply to confidential and management employees or confidential and management position vacancies.

[SB 327](#) (Laird)**Amended:** 5/2/2023**Title:** State Teachers' Retirement: Disability Allowances and Benefits**Status:** To Enrollment**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would prohibit the service retirement date of a member who submits an application for retirement under certain provisions from being earlier than 270 calendar days prior to when the application for service retirement is received by the system.

SB 432 (Cortese)**Amended:** 6/19/2023**Title:** Teachers' Retirement**Status:** To Enrollment**Position:****Summary:**

This bill clarifies certain provisions of last year's AB 1667 (Cooper, Statutes of 2022) related to the recovery of pension overpayments from the California State Teachers Retirement System to retired teachers due to errors in reported compensation.

SB 433 (Cortese)*Amended:** 9/6/2023**Title:** Classified School and Community College Employees: Disciplinary Hearings: Appeals: Impartial Third-Party Hearing Officers**Status:** To Enrollment**Position:** Oppose**Summary:**

This bill would authorize a permanent classified employee in a nonmerit K-14 district to appeal disciplinary action (defined as dismissals and suspensions of staff and demotions of nonsupervisory staff) to an impartial third-party hearing officer (defined as an arbitrator selected by striking from a list of seven arbitrators to be obtained by parties from the California State Mediation and Conciliation Service), paid for by the district and jointly selected by the district and the employee union. Senate Bill 433 includes an exception if the district and union enter into an agreement providing an alternative method of appealing disciplinary action.

SB 553 (Cortese)*Amended:** 9/7/2023**Title:** Occupational Safety: Workplace Violence: Restraining Orders and Workplace Violence Prevention Plan**Status:** To Enrollment**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would authorize, beginning January 1, 2025, a collective bargaining representative (in addition to the employer) of an employee who has suffered unlawful violence or a credible threat of violence from any individual to seek a temporary restraining order (TRO) and order after hearing on behalf of the employee(s) at the workplace. The bill specifies that a person may bring this petition for a TRO and an order after hearing on behalf of an employee as their collective bargaining representative only if the person serves as a collective bargaining representative for that employee in employment or labor matters at the employee's workplace. The bill also provides that before filing a petition, an employer or collective bargaining representative shall provide the employee who suffered unlawful violence an opportunity to decline to be named in the TRO; however, this does not prohibit them from seeking a TRO on behalf of other employees at the workplace and, if appropriate, other employees at other workplaces of the employer.

SB 765 (Portantino)**Amended:** 8/17/2023**Title:** Teachers: Retired Teachers: Compensation Limitation**Status:** To Enrollment**Position:** Support**Summary:**

This bill would increase the postretirement compensation earnings limit under the Teachers' Retirement Law (TRL) from 50% to 70% of the median final compensation of all members who retired from service during the fiscal year ending in the previous calendar year. The bill would also modify the TRL to temporarily authorize an alternative process for educational employers to hire a retired California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) member prior to satisfying the statutory 180-day separation from service requirement if a chief executive officer of a community college district, school district superintendent, or county office superintendent seeks an exemption to the 180-day separation from service requirements and zero dollar earnings limit and submits documents to CalSTRS with certification, under penalty of perjury, as to each of the following:

- The nature of the employment;
- That the appointment is necessary to fill a critically needed position before the 180 calendar days have passed;
- That the CalSTRS member is not ineligible for application of these provisions, as provided;
- That the termination of employment of the retired member with the employer is not the basis for the need to acquire the services of the member; and,
- That the employer did not have a reduction-in-force layoff pursuant to existing laws, as specified and provided, within the prior 18 months.
- The provisions of the bill would be in effect for two years, from July 1, 2024, to July 1, 2026.

SB 791 (McGuire)**Amended:** 6/15/2023**Title:** Postsecondary Education: Academic and Administrative Employees: Disclosure of Sexual Harassment**Status:** Senate Floor—Concurrence**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would require community college districts (CCDs) and the California State University (CSU) to require, as part of the hiring process for an appointment to an academic or administrative position, that the applicant disclose any final administrative decision or final judicial decision, issued within the last 7 years, determining that the applicant committed sexual harassment. The bill would prohibit CCDs and the CSU from asking an applicant to disclose information concerning any final administrative decision or final judicial decision described above, including any inquiry about an applicable decision on any employment application, until it has determined that the applicant meets the minimum employment qualifications stated in the notice issued for the position.

Facilities

[AB 358 \(Addis\)](#)

Title: Community College Districts: Student Housing.

Status: Signed by the Governor, Chapter 83, Statutes of 2023

Position: Support

Summary:

This bill excludes any building used as a residence for students attending a campus of a community college district (CCD) from certain requirements applicable to “school buildings” under the Field Act. The bill effectively exempts CCD student housing architectural plans from the requirement to receive approval from the Department of General Services’ Division of State Architect, thereby creating parity with California State University and University of California campus housing.

[*SB 515 \(Stern\)](#)

Amended: 9/8/2023

Title: School Facilities: Shade Structures

Status: To Enrollment

Position:

Summary:

This bill would limit the cost of complying with the requirement to provide an accessible path of travel to a free-standing, open-sided shade structure project that meets specified requirements and that is on a community college campus, school district, county office of education, or charter school to 20% of the adjusted construction cost, as defined, of the shade structure project.

Financial Aid

[AB 789 \(Berman\)](#)

Amended: 9/1/2023

Title: Student Financial Aid: Cal Grants: Satisfactory Academic Progress

Status: Senate Floor—Concurrence

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require, as part of the criteria to be a qualifying institution under the Cal Grant Program, an institution, by the start of the 2024-25 academic year, to comply with various requirements regarding “satisfactory academic progress” standards used to determine if a student qualifies for a Cal Grant and to develop and implement policies defining “satisfactory academic progress” in a manner that is consistent with the federal standards.

AB 1400 (Bryan)**Amended:** 7/5/2023**Title:** Student Financial Aid: College Access Tax Credit Fund: Community College Student Transfers: Historically Black Colleges and Universities**Status:** To Enrollment**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would require the College Access Tax Credit Fund moneys to be continuously appropriated to the commission to be used for awards for qualifying community college student transfers to regionally accredited Historically Black Colleges and Universities that have Associate Degree for Transfer memoranda of understanding on file with the office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges. The bill would make an appropriation by changing the purposes for which moneys are used in a continuously appropriated fund.

AB 1540 (Fong, Mike)**Amended:** 6/19/2023**Title:** Postsecondary Education: Nonresident Tuition: Exemption**Status:** To Enrollment**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would require the California State University and the California Community Colleges to accept an affidavit provided to the California Student Aid Commission as part of the student's financial aid application for purposes of the affidavit requirement.

Governance and District Operations

AB 264 (Ting)**Amended:** 6/13/2023**Title:** Community Colleges: Lunar New Year Holiday**Status:** To Enrollment**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would authorize community college districts, pursuant to a memorandum of understanding, to replace closing on Lincoln Day or Washington Day with Lunar New Year.

[AB 557 \(Hart\)](#)**Amended:** 9/1/2023**Title:** Open Meetings: Local Agencies: Teleconferences**Status:** To Enrollment**Position:****Summary:**

Current law, until January 1, 2024, authorizes the legislative body of a local agency to use teleconferencing without complying with specified teleconferencing requirements in specified circumstances when a declared state of emergency is in effect. Existing law requires a legislative body to make specified findings not later than 30 days after the first teleconferenced meeting and to make those findings every 30 days thereafter in order to continue to meet under these abbreviated teleconferencing procedures. This bill would revise the authority of the legislative body to hold a teleconference meeting under the above abbreviated teleconferencing procedures when a declared state of emergency is in effect. Specifically, the bill would extend indefinitely that authority in the circumstances under which the legislative body either (1) meets for the purpose of determining whether, as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees or (2) has previously made that determination. The bill would also extend the period for a legislative body to make the above-described findings related to a continuing state of emergency and social distancing to not later than 45 days after the first teleconferenced meeting and every 45 days thereafter, in order to continue to meet under the abbreviated teleconferencing procedures.

[*AB 811 \(Fong, Mike\)](#)**Amended:** 9/1/2023**Title:** Seymour-Campbell Student Success Act of 2012: Repeating Credit Courses**Status:** To Enrollment**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would require each community college district to establish policies permitting students to retake up to two times a course in arts, humanities, kinesiology, foreign languages, or English as a second language for which the student previously received a satisfactory grade and which the student is retaking for enrichment or skill-building purposes.

[*AB 1248 \(Bryan\)](#)**Amended:** 9/7/2023**Title:** Local Redistricting: Independent Redistricting Commissions**Status:** To Enrollment**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would require a county or city with more than 300,000 residents, or a school district or community college district with more than 500,000 residents, to establish an independent redistricting commission to adopt district boundaries after each federal decennial census.

AB 1541 (Fong, Mike)

Title: Community Colleges: Governing Board Membership: Student Members

Status: Signed by the Governor, Chapter 103, Statutes of 2023

Position:

Summary:

This bill gives each student member of the Board of Trustees of a community college district an advisory vote.

***AB 1638 (Fong, Mike)**

Amended: 9/1/2023

Title: Local Government: Emergency Response Services: Use of Languages Other Than English

Status: To Enrollment

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require, commencing January 1, 2025, local agencies, in the event of an emergency in the jurisdiction of the agency, to provide information related to the emergency in all languages spoken jointly by 5% or more of the population whenever those same people also speak English less than very well. This bill would require local agencies to use data to determine which languages trigger translation requirements and to update their data analysis every five years.

Health/Safety

***AB 299 (Holden)**

Amended: 9/1/2023

Title: Hazing: Educational Institutions: Civil Liability: Resources

Status: To Enrollment

Position: Oppose

Summary:

This bill would, beginning January 1, 2025, allow a person against whom hazing is directed to commence a civil action for injury or damages against a public or private higher educational institution for the hazing practices of the organization if both of the following apply:

- The educational institution has direct involvement in, or knew or should have known of, the hazing practices of the organization and has unreasonably failed to prevent, discover, or stop the hazing practices of the organization; and
- At the time of the alleged hazing incident, the organization involved in the hazing was affiliated with the educational institution.

The bill specifies that for purposes of determining whether an educational institution "unreasonably fails to proactively prevent, discover, or stop the hazing practices of the organization," consideration shall be given to the extent to which the institution, at the time of the alleged hazing incident, had each of the following measures in place:

- Adoption and distribution of a written anti-hazing policy consisting of rules and procedures for hazing prevention, intervention, and discipline

- Implementation of an anti-hazing investigation, enforcement, and reporting program
- Implementation of an institution-wide anti-hazing education and training program

***[AB 461](#) (Ramos)**

Amended: 9/1/2023

Title: Student Safety: Fentanyl Test Strips

Status: Assembly Floor—Concurrence

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require community college districts and the California State University to stock fentanyl test strips in the campus health center and distribute the test strips through the campus health center. The bill would also require campuses to provide information about the use and location of fentanyl test strips as part of established campus orientations and to notify students of the presence and location of fentanyl test strips.

***[AB 659](#) (Aguiar-Curry)**

Amended: 9/8/2023

Title: Cancer Prevention Act

Status: To Enrollment

Position:

Summary:

This bill would state that it is the public policy of the state that students who are 26 or younger are advised to adhere to current immunization guidelines, as recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the American Academy of Family Physicians, regarding HPV immunization before first-time enrollment at a California Community Colleges, California State University, and University of California campus.

***[SB 234](#) (Portantino)**

Amended: 9/6/2023

Title: Opioid Antagonists: Stadiums, Concert Venues, and Amusement Parks

Status: To Enrollment

Position:

Summary:

When this bill was approved by the Assembly Appropriations Committee, it would have required each campus of a higher education segment and K-12 school to maintain unexpired opioid antagonist doses on its premises and ensure that at least two employees are aware of the location of the opioid antagonist. However, the bill was amended on the Assembly floor to remove all education provisions from the measure. The current version of the bill does not place any requirements on the higher education and K-12 systems and now only applies to stadiums, concert venues, and amusement parks. For this reason, we will remove this bill from the next bill report.

Instruction

[AB 1096 \(Fong, Mike\)](#)

Amended: 7/3/2023

Title: Educational Instruction: Language of Instruction

Status: To Enrollment

Position:

Summary:

This bill would authorize a community college to offer courses taught in languages other than English without requiring students who enroll in those courses to concurrently enroll in an English as a second language course.

[SB 444 \(Newman\)](#)

Amended: 9/1/2023

Title: Community Colleges: Mathematics, Engineering, Science, Achievement (MESA) Programs

Status: Senate Floor—Concurrence

Position:

Summary:

This bill would encourage community colleges to establish and implement Mathematics, Engineering, Science, Achievement (MESA) programs directed at identifying students affected by social, economic, and educational disadvantages, increasing the number of eligible students served under MESA programs, and increasing student success in transferring and completing baccalaureate degree programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics majors at four-year higher education institutions, as specified. The bill would require the board of governors to adopt regulations for the operation of MESA programs at community colleges that align with the programmatic components of MESA programs.

Miscellaneous

[AB 603 \(Cervantes\)](#)

Amended: 3/2/2023

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Diversity: Report

Status: To Enrollment

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require the California Community Colleges Board of Governors and the California State University Trustees to publish a report on the diversity of the student body and the governing board of their respective segments for purposes of determining how representative the governing board is of the student body. The bill would also require those reports to be submitted to the Legislature.

AB 1151 (McKinnor)**Amended:** 5/30/2023**Title:** Community Colleges: Civic Centers: Uses: Insurance**Status:** Signed by the Governor, Chapter 66, Statutes of 2023**Position:****Summary:**

This bill provides that there is a civic center at each and every community college within the state and authorizes community college districts (CCDs) to authorize the use, by the community and organizations, of any civic center or other properties under the control of the governing board of the CCD.

State Budget and Education Finance

AB 102 (Ting)**Amended:** 6/24/2023**Title:** Budget Act of 2023**Status:** Signed by the Governor, Chapter 38, Statutes of 2023**Position:****Summary:**

Assembly Bill (AB) 102—This is the “budget bill junior,” which reflects the budget agreement reached between the Administration and the Legislature. AB 102 makes the necessary amendments to Senate Bill (SB) 101, the main 2023-24 State Budget bill.

AB 142/SB 142 (Committee on Budget)**Amended:** 8/28/2023**Title:** Higher Education Trailer Bill**Status:** Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee**Position:****Summary:**

Assembly Bill/Senate Bill 142 is the higher education clean-up trailer bill for the 2023-24 State Budget. The bill would make several changes to the California Community Colleges (CCC) student housing, including:

- Legislative intent that, no later than the adoption of the 2024 Budget Act, a statewide lease revenue bond or other statewide financing or fiscal approach will be developed and included within the 2024 Budget Act to support the CCC affordable student housing projects that have been approved as part of the Higher Education Student Housing Grant Program
- Shifts the support of three CCC and University of California (UC) intersegmental projects from CCC to UC, which facilitates UC’s issuance of revenue bonds for the CCC portions of three intersegmental UC-CCC affordable housing projects selected in the Higher Education Student Housing Grant Program
- States that the three CCC and UC intersegmental projects to be covered through UC’s issuance of revenue bonds will retain a split in the number of beds for low-income students between the participating campuses that is consistent with the Higher Education Student Housing Grant Program application approved by the state and further defined in the subsequent operating agreements between each UC campus and the CCC district partnership

- Clarifies that the CCC campuses that received General Fund support for grants in the Budget Act of 2022 shall revert those General Fund resources by June 29, 2024, or upon the enactment of the 2024 Budget Act, whichever is later

The bill would also allow districts that contract with the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) to provide CalPERS health benefits to all faculty that have two courses or 40% of the cumulative equivalent of a minimum full-time teaching assignment.

SB 101 (Skinner)

Amended: 6/12/2023

Title: Budget Act of 2023

Status: Signed by the Governor, Chapter 12, Statutes of 2023

Position:

Summary:

This is the main 2023-24 State Budget bill.

SB 117 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review)

Amended: 6/26/2023

Title: Higher Education Trailer Bill

Status: Signed by the Governor, Chapter 50, Statutes of 2023

Position:

Summary:

SB 117—This is the higher education budget trailer bill, which contains the California Community Colleges (CCC), California State University (CSU), and University of California (UC) provisions of the 2023-24 State Budget. SB 117 includes the details of the following key higher education provisions:

- Reduces the recruitment and retention initiative reduction amount scored for 2022-23 from \$150 million to \$94.16 million
- Includes a net reduction of \$494.28 million in deferred maintenance reduction based on reductions and appropriations scored for the 2021-22, 2022-23, and 2023-24 fiscal years
- Allows districts to spend the remaining amounts for the following purposes: recruitment and retention initiatives, all purposes within the \$650 million CCC COVID-19 Recovery Block Grant that was included in the 2022 Budget Act, and the CCC deferred maintenance categorical program
- Implements the following changes to the CCC full-time faculty statute, per the findings of the audit that came out back in February 2023:
 - Requires community college districts, as a condition of receiving funding for full-time faculty, to report their progress in increasing the percentage of instruction by full-time faculty and in diversifying faculty
 - Requires the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) to, no later than May 30 of each year, synthesize the information received from the districts into a systemwide report to be posted on a public website
 - Requires the CCCCCO to establish and implement a process that verifies that district expenditures related to full-time faculty are used for that purpose

- Requires colleges to expand their use of best practices in terms of Equal Employment Opportunity programs to promote faculty diversity by directing the CCCCCO to ensure that districts are performing the analyses needed to identify and determine the causes of any underrepresentation in the faculty they hire
- Appropriates, subject to future legislation, \$60 million per year for five years, starting in the 2024-25 fiscal year, to expand nursing programs and bachelor of science in nursing partnerships
- Specifies UC, CSU, and CCC campuses to receive funding in the next round of the Higher Education Student Housing Grant Program and shifts the fund source for prior, new, and future construction projects from the General Fund to bonds
- Includes \$200 million for the General Fund in 2023-24 and \$300 million annually from the 2024-25 to 2028-29 fiscal years per year for the Student Housing Revolving Loan Fund
- Appropriates \$500,000 to the CCCCCO to enter into a memorandum of understanding with a third-party research institution to conduct a systematic review of online and hybrid education at community colleges throughout the state

Student Services

AB 274 (Bryan)

Amended: 9/8/2023

Title: CalWorks: CalFresh: Eligibility: Income Exclusions

Status: Senate Floor—Inactive File

Position:

Summary:

This bill would exempt grants, awards, scholarships, loans, or fellowship benefits used for educational purposes from income considerations when determining eligibility for the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) and would expand CalFresh eligibility by requiring the California Department of Social Services to use Temporary Assistance for Needy Families eligibility requirements to determine CalFresh eligibility.

AB 610 (Holden)

Amended: 8/14/2023

Title: Youth Transit Pass Pilot Program: Free Youth Transit Passes

Status: Senate Floor—Inactive File

Position: Support

Summary:

This bill would, upon an appropriation, create the Youth Transit Pass Pilot Program, to be administered by the Department of Transportation, for the purpose of awarding grants to transit agencies for the creation, marketing, provision, and administration of free youth transit passes to K-12 and higher education students. The bill would authorize a transit agency to submit a grant application in partnership with one or more educational institutions and would also authorize grant funds to be used to maintain, subsidize, or expand an existing fare-free program.

[AB 1524](#) (Lowenthal)*Amended:** 9/1/2023**Title:** Postsecondary Education: On-Campus Access to Drug Testing Devices**Status:** Senate Floor—Inactive File**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would require community college districts and the California State University to stock an adequate supply of drug testing devices that are available and accessible, free of charge, at no fewer than one designated and accessible location on each campus and post a notice on these requirements in a prominent and conspicuous location in all restrooms.

Tuition and Fees

[AB 91](#) (Alvarez)*Amended:** 9/1/2023**Title:** Community Colleges: Exemption from Nonresident Tuition Fee: Residence Near The California-Mexico Border**Status:** To Enrollment**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would, until July 1, 2028, exempt from the nonresident tuition fee a nonresident, low-income student who 1) is a resident of Mexico; 2) registers for lower division courses at Cuyamaca College, Grossmont College, Imperial Valley College, MiraCosta College, Palomar College, San Diego City College, San Diego Mesa College, San Diego Miramar College, or Southwestern College; and 3) has residence within 45 miles of the California-Mexico border. This bill would limit this exemption to 150 full-time equivalent students at these community colleges and would require the governing boards of these community colleges to use this exemption to adopt one uniform policy to determine a student's residence classification, establish procedures for an appeal and review of the residence classification, and determine whether a student is low-income. The bill would not become operative unless the Board of Governors enters into an attendance agreement on behalf of a community college that chooses to use the exemption with a nationally or internationally accredited university located in the State of Baja California, México that provides reciprocal rights to California residents attending a university in the State of Baja California that reasonably conforms to the benefits conferred upon residents of México.

[AB 1342](#) (Dahle, Megan)**Title:** California College Promise: Fee Waiver Eligibility**Status:** Signed by the Governor, Chapter 102, Statutes of 2023**Position:****Summary:**

This bill requires that a student who enrolls in community college, after having enrolled in community college as a specified special part- or full-time student or dual enrollment high school pupil, is considered a first-time student for purposes of receiving the California College Promise fee waiver.

AB 1745 (Soria)**Title:** Public Postsecondary Education: Veterans: Waiver of Mandatory Systemwide Tuition and Fees**Status:** To Enrollment**Position:****Summary:**

Current law prohibits campuses of the state's higher education segments from charging mandatory systemwide tuition or fees to specified students who apply for a waiver, including a child of any veteran of the United States military who has a service-connected disability, has been killed in service, or has died of a service-connected disability, where the annual income of the child, including the value of any support received from a parent, does not exceed the national poverty level. This bill would instead require that the annual income of the child not exceed the state poverty level.

Veterans

AB 322 (Mathis)**Amended:** 3/23/2023**Title:** Veteran and California National Guard Supplemental Orientation Act of 2023**Status:** To Enrollment**Position:****Summary:**

Beginning with the 2025-26 academic year, this bill would require each community college and California State University campus to include within first-year student and transfer student orientations the location and contact information of the campus point of contact for students who are veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States and members of the California State Guard and the California National Guard, and their dependents. The bill would require each campus to make the document available in hard copy form at the location of the campus point of contact, which includes information on policies, resources, and services for these students and their dependents. The bill would require each campus to post the document on the campus's internet website.

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[AB 359 \(Holden\)](#)

Amended: 3/6/2023

Title: Pupil Instruction: Dual Enrollment: College and Career Access Pathways Partnerships

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) to enter into a contract with a community college district and the California Department of Education to enter into a contract with a school district, county office of education (COE), or consortium of COEs for the purposes of providing technical support and services for College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP) partnerships. The bill would require the contracted entities to annually submit a report to the Legislature, the CCCCCO, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the Department of Finance that includes the support and services provided for CCAP partnerships pursuant to these provisions. The bill would make the implementation of these provisions contingent upon an appropriation.

[AB 1749 \(McCarty\)](#)

Amended: 5/18/2023

Title: Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act: University of California

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee—Suspense File

Position:

Summary:

This bill would, commencing with the 2025-26 academic year, expand the provisions of the Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act to additionally require that a student who earns an Associate Degree for Transfer be deemed eligible for transfer into a University of California (UC) baccalaureate degree program if they meet certain requirements. The bill would require the UC to guarantee admission with junior status to a community college student and would provide that a student admitted to the UC pursuant to this act is entitled to receive priority over all other community college transfer students, excluding community college students who have entered into a transfer agreement between a community college and the UC before the fall term of the 2025-26 academic year. This bill would also require the UC, in addition to the California Community Colleges and the California State University, to develop a student-centered communication and marketing strategy.

SB 711 (Caballero)**Amended:** 4/26/2023**Title:** Community Colleges: Blockchain Industry Report**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee—Suspense File**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would require the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO), in consultation with the Academic Senate, to produce a report by December 31, 2024, related to the blockchain industry and the community colleges that addresses specified topics, including recommendations on activities related to pipeline development between career technical education programs offered by local educational agencies and the California Community Colleges. The bill would require the CCCCCO to leverage its existing workforce programs structure and network to convene the necessary stakeholders in the blockchain industry or similar industries to identify workforce needs within regional economies, to include the contributions of faculty, workforce development, the K-12 sector, and other relevant stakeholders, and to provide a copy of the report to the Legislature on or before December 31, 2024.

Affordability

AB 25 (McCarty)**Amended:** 7/3/2023**Title:** Student Financial Aid: Middle Class Scholarship Program**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee—Suspense File**Position:****Summary:**

Existing law, subject to an available and sufficient appropriation, makes an undergraduate student eligible for a scholarship award under the Middle Class Scholarship Program (MCSP) if the student is enrolled in upper division coursework in a community college baccalaureate program or enrolled at the University of California or the California State University and meets certain eligibility requirements. This bill would require the Department of Finance, following a growth of General Fund revenues for two consecutive fiscal years, to fund the cost of the MCSP, as determined by the Student Aid Commission, over the five fiscal years following that growth.

College & Career

AB 1370 (Ta)**Amended:** 3/28/2023**Title:** California Community Colleges Economic and Workforce Development Program**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee—Suspense File**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would extend the operation of the California Community Colleges Economic and Workforce Development Program indefinitely and repeal the Job Development Incentive Training Program. The bill would revise and recast the principles governing the Economic and Workforce Development Program, provisions on the duties and membership of the program's advisory committee, the decision criteria for allocating program funds to colleges, and the definitions that apply to the program's provisions.

Employees

[AB 260 \(Santiago\)](#)

Title: Community Colleges: Part-Time Employees

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee—Suspense File

Position: Oppose

Summary:

This bill would require instructors who are employed to teach adult or community college classes part-time to receive compensation in an amount that bears the same ratio to the amount provided to full-time employees with comparable duties. This bill would also require community college districts (CCDs), as a condition of receiving funds for the Student Success and Support Program, to commence the negotiation of terms of compensation consistent with the proportional pay requirement for part-time employees, as well as terms governing reemployment preferences and evaluation processes, no later than the expiration of any negotiated agreement in effect on January 1, 2024, and for any CCD that does not have a collective bargaining agreement in effect as of January 1, 2024.

[AB 1190 \(Irwin\)](#)

Amended: 3/28/2023

Title: Community Colleges: Part-Time Faculty: Office Hours

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee—Suspense File

Position: Oppose

Summary:

This bill would require community college districts, as a condition of receiving funds allocated for the Student Success and Support Program, to negotiate in good faith the adoption of terms of compensation that part time adult or community college instructors shall be compensated for office hours in at least an amount that bears the same ratio to the amount provided to full-time employees. Any office hours negotiated pursuant to this bill would not be applied toward the maximum percentage-of-hours limitation for part-time faculty and shall not be counted towards the hours per week of teaching adult or community college classes for purposes of requiring eligibility for tenure or for purposes of fulfilling any probationary hour requirements.

[SB 660 \(Alvarado-Gil\)](#)

Amended: 3/21/2023

Title: Public Employees' Retirement Systems: California Public Retirement System Agency Cost and Liability Panel

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee—Suspense File

Position:

Summary:

This bill would establish the California Public Retirement System Agency Cost and Liability Panel. The bill would assign responsibilities to the panel related to retirement benefit costs, including determining how costs and unfunded liability are apportioned to a public agency when a member changes employers within the same public retirement system or when a member concurrently retires with two or more retirement systems that have entered into reciprocity agreements. The bill would require the panel to meet no later than March 31, 2024, and quarterly beginning on April 1, 2024, and to submit a report to the Legislature, no later than December 31, 2024, providing information regarding the financial impact a public agency assumes when an employee transfers to another public agency within the same retirement system or when an employee transfers to a public agency in a reciprocal retirement system and concurrently retires under two or more systems.

Facilities

[AB 247 \(Muratsuchi\)](#)

Amended: 7/13/2023

Title: Education Finance: School Facilities: Transitional Kindergarten Through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2024

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee—Suspense File

Position:

Summary:

This bill would place a \$14 billion K-14 school facilities bond before voters on either the primary or General Election ballot in 2024.

[AB 1630 \(Garcia\)](#)

Amended: 3/21/2023

Title: Planning and Zoning: Housing Development Approvals: Student Housing Projects

Status: Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require a city or county to classify student and faculty/staff housing as a permitted use on all real property within 1,000 feet of a university campus for zoning purposes. The bill would require a proposed student housing or faculty/staff housing project to be considered ministerially, without discretionary review or a hearing, if specified requirements are met, including that at a minimum of 20% of the units in the project be rented by students or faculty/staff of the university. The bill would prohibit a local agency from imposing or enforcing on a student or faculty/staff housing project subject to ministerial consideration certain restrictions, including a minimum automobile parking requirement. The bill would require student or faculty/staff housing to have certain recorded deed restrictions that ensure for at least 55 years that at least 20% of the units are affordable to lower income households. In connection with an application submitted pursuant to these provisions, the bill would require a city or county to take specified actions, including, upon the request of the applicant, provide a list of permits and fees that are required by the city or county. The bill would require a proponent of a student or faculty/staff housing project subject to ministerial consideration to require in contracts with construction contracts and certify to the local government that certain standards will be met in project construction.

[SB 28 \(Glazer\)](#)

Title: Education Finance: School Facilities: Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2024

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee—Suspense File

Position:

Summary:

This bill would place a \$15.5 billion preschool through higher education bond before voters on the March 5, 2024, statewide primary election. Each higher education segment would receive \$2 billion.

Financial Aid

[AB 320 \(Lee\)](#)

Title: Student Aid Commission

Status: Senate Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

Existing law requires the Student Aid Commission to include two members, appointed by the Governor, who are students enrolled in a California postsecondary educational institution. This bill would instead require the commission to include four student members, one from each of the three public higher education segments and one from a California private postsecondary educational institution.

[AB 888 \(Cervantes\)](#)

Amended: 7/3/2023

Title: Student Financial Aid: Immigrants Seeking Asylum

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee—Suspense File

Position:

Summary:

Existing law requires that, in order to be eligible to receive a Cal Grant Program award, a student be either a citizen of the United States or an eligible noncitizen, as defined. This bill would, contingent upon an appropriation of funds by the Legislature for these purposes, also provide eligibility to a noncitizen who has filed a designated application for asylum and has a valid employment authorization document and social security number.

[SB 307 \(Ashby\)](#)

Amended: 6/1/2023

Title: Middle Class Scholarship Program: Community Colleges: Current and Former Foster Youth

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would expand eligibility for the Middle Class Scholarship to community college students who are current or former foster youth pursuing transfer to a four-year postsecondary educational institution, an associate degree, an associate degree for transfer, or a certificate and who do not exceed the program's current annual household income and asset thresholds.

Governance and District Operations

[AB 1379 \(Papan\)](#)

Amended: 3/23/2023

Title: Open Meetings: Local Agencies: Teleconferences

Status: Assembly Local Government Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would amend the Brown Act to remove the requirement to post agendas for teleconferenced meetings at all locations and would instead limit the posting to a newly defined "singular designated physical meeting location", which is required to have either two-way audiovisual capabilities, or two-way telephone service for the public to remotely hear and address the body. The bill would require the legislative body to hold at least two meetings in person each year.

Health/Safety

[AB 1558 \(Gallagher\)](#)

Title: Postsecondary Education: Safety: Credible Threats

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require each campus of the California Community Colleges and the California State University to take action after receiving a credible threat to student, faculty, or staff safety. The bill would require each campus after receiving a threat to determine, through a third-party risk assessment, whether the threat is credible. The bill would require the campus, if the campus determines the threat is credible, to determine whether the individual poses an immediate threat to the physical health or safety of any student, or other individual on campus, which justifies their removal from campus.

Instruction

[AB 395 \(Reyes\)](#)

Amended: 3/9/2023

Title: California Community College Guided Pathways Grant Program

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee—Suspense File

Position:

Summary:

This bill would, by August 1, 2024, and every even-numbered year thereafter, require each community college to develop an educational plan to provide a detailed sequence of courses for each degree, certificate, diploma, or license, or any other form of transfer to a postsecondary educational institution, offered by the community college and ensure that the community college offers the courses required for a degree, certificate, diploma, or license, or any other pathway of transfer to a postsecondary educational institution, in a consistent manner to ensure students can plan their academic futures. The bill would, by June 1, 2025, and then every even-numbered year thereafter, require the Chancellor's Office to submit a report based on the educational plans received from community colleges.

AB 506 (Fong, Mike)**Amended:** 7/13/2023**Title:** California State University: Graduation Requirement: Ethnic Studies**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee—Suspense File**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would require, by December 31, 2024, the California State University (CSU) to collaborate with the CSU and California Community Colleges (CCC) Academic Senates and the CCC and CSU Council on Ethnic Studies to ensure the development of a process for eligible CCC ethnic studies courses to satisfy the CSU ethnic studies requirements for CCC students transferring to a CSU. The bill requires the CSU Council on Ethnic Studies to make the final determination regarding whether a community college course satisfies the CSU requirements for ethnic studies. It further suspends the current approval process for one year and provides that a community college course approved for the CSU ethnic studies requirement through December 1, 2023, will no longer satisfy the requirements commencing on August 1, 2025.

AB 689 (Carrillo, Wendy)**Amended:** 7/11/2023**Title:** Community Colleges: Enrollment and Registration: Incumbent Health Care Workers**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee—Suspense File**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would require a community college with a limited enrollment course or program to ensure that at least 15% of the admitted students, but no less than three students per incoming cohort, in the course or program are incumbent health care workers. The bill would require a community college that administers a priority enrollment system to grant priority in that system to students who are incumbent health care workers. The bill would repeal these provisions on January 1, 2034.

Miscellaneous

AB 252 (Holden)**Amended:** 6/19/2023**Title:** The College Athlete Protection Act**Status:** Senate Education Committee**Position:** Watch**Summary:**

This bill would require institutions of higher education to establish a degree completion fund for its college athletes. The bill would require colleges to distribute to each college athlete a notice containing college athlete rights and would require the institution to post this notice in a conspicuous location frequented by college athletes. The bill would prohibit an institution of higher education, its employees, coaches, and affiliated medical personnel from retaliating against a college athlete for filing a complaint or reporting a violation of college athlete rights provided in this bill.

AB 1142 (Fong, Mike)**Title:** Postsecondary Education: Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education in California**Status:** Assembly Higher Education Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would establish the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education in California as the statewide postsecondary education oversight, coordination, and planning entity.

AB 1160 (Pacheco)**Amended:** 3/16/2023**Title:** Protecting Students from Creditor Colleges Act**Status:** Assembly Higher Education Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would prohibit colleges from refusing to provide a diploma or certificate for a current or former student on the grounds that the student owes a debt, conditioning the provision of a diploma or certificate on the payment of a debt, charging a higher fee for obtaining a diploma or certificate or providing less favorable treatment of a diploma or certificate request because a student owes a debt, or using a diploma or certificate issuance as a tool for debt collection. The bill would prohibit a school from engaging a third-party debt collection agency to collect an existing or future student debt or selling an existing or future student debt to a third party.

This bill would also prohibit an institution of higher education from taking specified actions, including placing an enrollment or registration hold on a current or former student's account, on the grounds that the student owes an institutional debt. The bill would require the governing boards of institutions of higher education to require each institution to report, on an annual basis, specified information regarding the number and dollar amount of institutional debts at each institution.

AB 1275 (Arambula)**Amended:** 6/26/2023**Title:** Community Colleges: Student-run Community College Organizations: Open Meetings: Teleconferences**Status:** Senate Governance and Finance Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would, until January 1, 2026, additionally authorize a member of the recognized statewide community college student organization and other student-run community college organizations required to comply with the Brown Act to use teleconferencing for their meetings for just cause or due to emergency circumstances without having to (1) post agendas at all teleconferencing locations, (2) identify each teleconference location in the notice and agenda, (3) make each teleconference location accessible to the public, and (4) have at least a quorum of the members of the legislative body participate from locations within the boundaries of the territory over which the local agency exercises jurisdiction.

AB 1542 (Fong, Mike)

Title: Board of Governors of The California Community Colleges: Student Members: Student Success Completion Grant Program Awards

Status: Senate Education Committee

Position: Support

Summary:

This bill would increase the pay of each student member of the Board of Governors to \$4000 per semester via the Student Success Completion Grant.

AB 1713 (Gipson)

Amended: 6/19/2023

Title: Local Agencies: Federal Funds: Reports

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require a local agency that receives federal funds that are subject to an expiration date to submit a written report to the local agency's legislative body no later than one year before the funding expiration date with a summary of how funds have been expended and a plan for the remaining funds to be expended if, at that time, at least 50% of federal funds have yet to be expended. The bill would require the local agency's legislative body to include the report on the agenda of a public meeting.

Student Services

AB 456 (Maienschein)

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Campus Mental Health Hotlines

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee—Suspense File

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require each campus of the California Community Colleges and California State University without a mental health hotline to establish a campus mental health hotline for students to access mental health services remotely that operates during working hours.

AB 644 (Jones-Sawyer)

Amended: 3/29/2023

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Campus Safety: Hate Crime: Surveys

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require the California Community Colleges (CCC) and California State University (CSU) to develop survey questions on campus climate related to hate crimes and require campuses that already have formulated and implemented a hate crime-specific survey before January 1, 2024, to meet on or before December 31, 2024, and at least once every five years thereafter, to review and update the survey with student participation. The bill would require the CCC and CSU legislative reports to the Legislature to be posted on the website of each campus and on the website maintained by the California College Guidance Initiative and the CSU's website.

AB 1040 (Alvarez)**Title:** Community Colleges: Mentoring Credit Program**Status:** Assembly Higher Education Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This would require a community college district to create a one-to-one mentoring program that matches a student over 18 years old who passes a criminal background check and receives specific training in mentoring a youth under 18 years of age.

AB 1393 (Calderon)**Amended:** 5/18/2023**Title:** Student Aid Commission: California Dream Act: Food Support Pilot Program**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee—Suspense File**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would require the Student Aid Commission to establish the Food Support Pilot Program for a four-year period to provide food support grants to qualifying students who submit a complete California Dream Act application and receive financial assistance under the Dream Act. The bill would require the commission to allocate the award on a semester or quarterly basis to a qualifying institution if certain program eligibility requirements are met and would require a qualifying institution to provide the funds to the student. The bill would prohibit a grant received by a student pursuant to these provisions from counting towards the total of a student's financial aid award and would prohibit a qualified institution from reducing the institutional financial aid offer of a student who is eligible to receive a grant. The bill would, for each year of the program, require an individual award to equal the maximum amount allocated to one CalFresh recipient during that year.

AB 1543 (Fong, Mike)**Amended:** 6/27/2023**Title:** Community Colleges: Student Representation Fees**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee—Suspense File**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would, commencing with the 2024-25 academic year, require \$1 of the \$2 student representation fee to be used to support local student body organizations. The bill would also require community colleges to provide a student with a means to refuse to pay either the \$1 portion of the \$2 student representation fee.

AB 1575 (Irwin)**Amended:** 3/9/2023**Title:** Postsecondary Education: Designated Advocates: Notification**Status:** Assembly Higher Education Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would require the segments of postsecondary education to, upon enrollment of a student at their segment, notify a student regarding the student's ability to select a designated advocate. The bill would require the segments of postsecondary education to, concurrently with notifications sent to a student, send notifications to the student's designated advocate about specific administrative, academic, health, and disciplinary notices. The bill would require the segments to allow a student to opt into which notices are sent to the student's designated advocate, as provided, and would authorize a student to select, revoke, and replace their designated advocate, as provided.

Tuition and Fees

AB 263 (Jones-Sawyer)**Title:** Public Postsecondary Education: Pilot Program for Free Cost of Education: Working Group**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee—Suspense File**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would require the Student Aid Commission to convene a working group to research and develop recommendations for the creation of a pilot program that would cover the cost of postsecondary education in the state by replacing the system of charging student tuition and fees.

AB 680 (Rubio, Blanca)**Title:** Public Postsecondary Education: Nonresident Tuition: Exemption**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee—Suspense File**Position:** Support**Summary:**

This bill would expand the nonresident tuition exemption to students who (1) completed 60 semester units of credit or 90 quarter units of credit in a California community college or (2) attained an associate degree for transfer.

AB 1245 (McCarty)**Amended:** 3/28/2023**Title:** Community Colleges: Childcare Providers: Course Fee Waivers**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee—Suspense File**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would require community college districts to waive the fees for specified courses for students who are employed as childcare providers at the time of enrollment.

AB 1411 (Ta)

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Systemwide Fee or Tuition Waivers: Online Posting or Notice

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require each campus of the California Community Colleges and the California State University to provide the online posting or notice of systemwide fees or tuition waivers.

SB 629 (Cortese)

Amended: 4/17/2023

Title: Community Colleges: Fee Waivers

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee—Suspense File

Position:

Summary:

This bill would authorize the governing board of a community college district (CCD) to adopt a policy that uses local unrestricted General Funds to provide fee waivers to students with the greatest financial need when other fee waivers are not provided to those students if the CCD complies with certain requirements, including that 100% of its students complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid or California Dream Act application, that the CCD has established a fully staffed Basic Needs Center, and that the CCD prepares a fiscal impact statement, including a three-year projection of the fiscal impact of the fee waiver on the community college district. The bill would require, by October 10, 2024, and annually thereafter, a CCD to certify to the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) that it has complied with all of those requirements and would require, by December 31, 2024, and annually thereafter, the CCCCCO to verify the information submitted and authorize the governing board of that CCD to adopt a policy that uses local unrestricted General Funds to provide fee waivers to students with the greatest financial need. The bill would authorize the CCD that receives authorization to use local unrestricted General Funds to provide assistance to students for the total cost of attendance.