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Chaptered Assembly & Senate Bills

Finance/Funding/Budget

AB 23 (Liu) Adult education finance

Establishes limits on the adult education funding that may be claimed by specified districts thereby settling adult education audit issues that have been unresolved for more than 10 years, and provides for the reallocation of unclaimed adult education funding capacity.

Status: *Chapter 502, Statutes of 2005*

AB 165 (Dymally) California State University: African American Political and Economic Institute

Eliminates the statutory restriction that private funds be donated in an amount sufficient to defray costs before an advisory board may be established for a previously authorized African American Political and Economic Institute (AAPEI) at California State University, Dominguez Hills and stipulates that no fees or any other form of compensation shall be paid to members of the AAPEI advisory board.

Status: *Chapter 384, Statutes of 2005*

AB 947 (Liu) Postsecondary education: California Educational Facilities Authority

Expands the definition of a private college for the purposes of obtaining financing through the California Educational Facilities Authority to include non-profit affiliates of one or more private colleges that provide administrative support or research services.

Status: *Chapter 191, Statutes of 2005*

AB 1366 (Lieber) Community colleges: fiscal accountability: County Office Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team

Authorizes the Board of Governors (BOG) of the California Community Colleges (CCC) to request the County Office Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team to assist a CCC district to establish or maintain sound fiscal practices.

Status: *Chapter 360, Statutes of 2005*

AB 1492 (Evans) Community college districts: property: sale or lease

Authorizes the sale-sale back or lease-leaseback of energy efficient community college facilities, and authorizes an apportionment intercept for the payment of debt service obligations for bonds or short-term loans. The overall purpose is to allow the California Community Colleges to utilize a facilities financing mechanism that is currently utilized by K-12 school districts.

Status: *Chapter 363, Statutes of 2005*

Financial Aid

AB 702 (Koretz) Nursing education

Provides authority to the Health Professions Education Foundation to expand the criteria for scholarship and loan repayment programs in the Registered Nurse Education Program to include persons who commit to teaching in California nursing schools.

Status: *Chapter 611, Statutes of 2005*

SB 661 (Migden) Public postsecondary education: California State University: California Student Athlete Fair Opportunity Act of 2005

This bill establishes the California Student Athlete Fair Opportunity Act of 2005 that requires the California State University to provide summer athlete scholarships to certain athletes, to undertake comprehensive planning for the academic support of student athletes and to report on student-athlete academic issues on a regular basis.

Status: *Chapter 552, Statutes of 2005*

Tuition/Student Fees

AB 982 (Laird) Community colleges: fees

Deletes the requirement that low-income California Community College students be exempt from paying health supervision and services fees.

Status: *Chapter 320, Statutes of 2005*

AB 1655 (J. Horton) Public postsecondary education: fees and tuition: waiver: survivors of deceased law enforcement and firefighting personnel.

Specifies that certain stepchildren of deceased law enforcement and firefighting personnel may qualify for tuition and fee waivers at the University of California Hastings College of the Law and the California State University.

Status: *Chapter 544, Statutes of 2005*

Programs/Institutions

AB 720 (Villines) California State University: observance of Veterans Day

Requires every campus of the California State University to observe November 11 as a holiday by closing on that day. The bill would also require the university to observe the following Monday as the Veterans Day holiday when November 11 falls on a Sunday, and to observe the preceding Friday as the Veterans Day holiday when November 11 falls on a Saturday.

Status: *Chapter 146, Statutes of 2005*

AB 967 (Canciamilla) Concurrent enrollment of pupils in high school and community college

Exempts from an enrollment cap on concurrent enrollment at the California Community Colleges (CCC) a student recommended by his/her principal for enrollment in a college level advanced scholastic summer session course, or in a vocational CCC summer session course, if specified criteria are met. This bill also requires the governing board of a CCC district to assign a low enrollment priority to the above student in order to ensure these students do not displace regularly admitted students.

Status: *Chapter 399, Statutes of 2005*

AB 1088 (Oropeza) Public postsecondary education: mandatory orientation for students

Requires the local district governing board of each California Community College district and the Trustees of the California State University and requests the Regents of the University of California to undertake various activities to provide students with educational and preventive information regarding sexual violence.

Status: *Chapter 647, Statutes of 2005*

AB 1280 (Maze) Public postsecondary education: California Community College Baccalaureate Partnership Program

Establishes the California Community College (CCC) Baccalaureate Partnership Program, formed for the purpose of offering baccalaureate degree programs on participating CCC campuses. The Office of the Chancellor of CCC would be authorized to award annually two grants, not to exceed \$50,000 each, to a collaborative, consisting of at least one CCC and at least one baccalaureate degree granting institution, formed for the purpose of offering a baccalaureate degree program at participating CCCs. This legislation shall be known as the California Community College Baccalaureate Partnership Act.

Status: *Chapter 515, Statutes of 2005*

AB 1480 (Maze) Agricultural education: California Community Colleges

Requires the California Community College (CCC) Statewide Agricultural and Natural Resources Advisory Committee to identify and develop criteria to be used to evaluate the effectiveness of CCC agricultural education programs. Requires the criteria to be submitted in a written report to the Chancellor of the CCC and the Legislature by June 30, 2007.

Status: *Chapter 362, Statutes of 2005*

ACR 22 (Dymally) Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science: Martin Luther King General Hospital

This resolution urges the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the Board of Trustees of the Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science to enter into a joint agreement to name a Chief Executive Officer to be granted full authority of the joint operations of the university and the hospital.

Status: *Chapter 79, Statutes of 2005*

AJR 26 (Chu) Federal TRIO programs: Upward Bound and Talent Search

This resolution memorializes the President and the Congress to remove from the President's 2006 budget proposal the recommendation that eliminates the federal TRIO programs, Upward Bound and Talent Search. The resolution also requests that the federal TRIO programs, Upward Bound and Talent Search, continue to be funded.

Status: *Chapter 144, Statutes of 2005*

SB 70 (Scott) Vocational education

Provides resources for the support of career technical education programs at middle schools, high schools, regional occupational centers and programs and community colleges.

Status: *Chapter 352, Statutes of 2005*

SB 569 (Torlakson) Public postsecondary education: California State University and University of California: disclosure of alumni names, addresses, and electronic mail addresses

Authorizes the governing bodies and alumni associations of the California State University (CSU), the University of California (UC) and the Hastings College of Law to distribute the names and addresses of alumni to "affinity partners" (nonaffiliated entities with contractual agreements with CSU and UC) to, among other things, offer alumni commercial products and services, provided certain privacy requirements are met.

Status: *Chapter 454, Statutes of 2005*

SB 724 (Scott) Public postsecondary education: California State University: Doctor of Education degrees

This bill authorizes the California State University to award the Doctor of Education (Ed.D) degree, focused on preparing administrative leaders for California public elementary and secondary schools and community colleges.

Status: *Chapter 269, Statutes of 2005*

Higher Education - General

AB 961 (Committee on Higher Education) Committee on Higher Education Postsecondary education: Golden State Scholarshare Trust: Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges: California Educational Facilities Authority: California State University

Makes various technical, clarifying, conforming, and administrative changes to provisions related to the Golden State Scholarshare Trust Act, the California Educational Facilities Authority and the California State University.

Status: *Chapter 318, Statutes of 2005*

AB 1646 (Assembly Higher Education Committee) Public postsecondary education: community colleges: technical revisions

Authorizes California Community College districts to exempt college students who were displaced as a result of Hurricane Katrina from nonresident tuition and makes various technical, conforming, clarifying and minor non-substantive changes to the education codes related to higher education.

Status: *Chapter 654, Statutes of 2005*

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Vetoed Assembly & Senate Bills

Finance/Funding/Budget

AB 593 (Frommer) State property: California Hope Endowment and California Hope Public Trust

Requires the Department of General Services (DGS) to transfer specified state lands to the California Hope Public Trust (Trust), which this bill would create with specified appointees of the Governor, Treasurer, and Controller, for the purposes of managing state properties for the benefit of public colleges and universities.

Veto Message: *In accordance with the provisions of Proposition 60A as approved by the voters just last year, revenue generated by the sale of surplus property is to be used to pay off the debt accrued from the Economic Recovery Bonds. This bill attempts to redirect those revenues for other program purposes. As worthy an intention as providing additional funding for higher education may be, it is the Administrations objective to prioritize reducing the States debt first, before initiating new programmatic spending.*

Furthermore, this bill would delegate important decisions regarding the allocation of state resources to a new entity, unaccountable to the people, operating outside of the annual budget process, without an expressed mandate from the people of California. In doing so, it would impair the ability of the Legislature and the Governor to make such resource decisions taking into account all of the states needs, both in higher education, and across the spectrum of important state services.

SB 672 (Cox) Community colleges: inmate education programs: computation of apportionments

This bill authorizes a community college that generates units of full-time equivalent student (FTES) in classes for inmates to add and count credit attendance hours for state apportionment purposes and expands the existing authority of a community college to receive FTES for inmate education programs to include state correctional facilities.

Veto Message: *This bill would inappropriately authorize community college districts to receive reimbursement at the full-credit reimbursement rate rather than the lower non-credit rate, for hours generated teaching credit classes at state prisons. The higher rate results in an excessive reimbursement given that when providing instruction in a correctional setting, community colleges do not incur facility or other student services costs.*

Financial Aid

AB 1241 (Matthews) Student Aid Commission: reports from high schools

Contains a variety of provisions to monitor and to improve the rate of submission of high school grade point averages (GPAs) for the Cal Grant Programs.

Veto Message: *Specific legislative authority is not necessary for the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) to convene a working group to develop strategies to facilitate the submission of student grade point average verification to CSAC. In fact, CSAC has already convened a working group to study the barriers to the grade point average submission process. Therefore, this bill is unnecessary.*

Tuition/Student Fees

AB 1070 (Cogdill) Community colleges: fees for loss or damage of district instructional equipment

Authorizes a California Community College (CCC) district to charge a student fee to replace or repair instructional equipment that have been lost or damaged by that student. Specifies the amount of the fee charged to any student for this purpose shall not exceed a good-faith estimate of the costs incurred to replace or repair the equipment that the student lost or damaged.

Veto Message: *I respect the authors intent to address the reasonable issue of allowing local community colleges to charge students for the costs of replacing or repairing instructional equipment that has been lost or damaged. The ability to recoup such costs encourages personal responsibility and the exercise of care in using valuable equipment.*

However, this bill would allow community colleges to assess fees as a condition of enrollment in a course or courses, with no limit on the amount that could be charged.

I am concerned that, depending on the level of fees and the number of courses in which they are charged, this bill could deter some promising students of limited means from choosing to pursue a course of study that requires the use of costly instructional equipment. As a result, this bill could have a negative impact on the number of students who choose to enter the important career fields such as science, medicine, or nursing.

I encourage the Legislature to work with my Administration in crafting legislation that avoids these unintended consequences.

Admissions/Transfers

SB 780 (Ortiz) University of California: medical schools: admissions criteria.

This bill requests that the University of California (UC) Board of Regents require UC medical schools to consider specified criteria in admissions applications. Request the Regents and the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development to convene a task force to consider recommendations and goals regarding the university's ability to meet the needs of the medically underserved, and to report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2007.

Veto Message: *I am returning Senate Bill 780 without my signature. While I understand the authors intention is to address the need for a qualified physician workforce in underserved communities, this bill is unnecessary to meet that objective.*

The University of California (UC) system already considers an applicants background and personal experiences during the application process. The criteria outlined in the bill were drawn largely from existing UC medical school admissions policies and description of best practices in medical school admissions, written by the University of California experts at the invitations of a national medical organization. It is unclear how codifying the admissions criteria will significantly improve the admissions process, as the University of California is currently in compliance with the overall intent of the bill: increasing the number of physicians likely to serve in underrepresented communities.

Furthermore, the 2005 Budget appropriates \$300,000 specifically to support additional slots in the Program in Medical Education for the Latino Community. The primary purpose of the program is to train physicians to serve in underserved communities. Full implementation is expected by 2008, when the additional enrollment will total approximately 300 new students - the equivalent of a new medical school devoted to serving the needs of currently underserved communities.

Employee Issues

AB 529 (Goldberg) California State University: employees

Provides California State University (CSU) employees who are denied a request for reasonable accommodation for disability with procedural rights similar to those granted to civil service employees via the State Personnel Board (SPB).

Veto Message: *Employees of California State University (CSU) who believe they have been wrongfully denied reasonable accommodation for a disability so that they can return to work have access to the formal complaint procedures established by CSU. They also have available other avenues to file a complaint through the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing or the federal Equal Opportunity Employment Commission or they can file a grievance through their union. This issue may also be addressed through bargaining under the Higher Education Employee Relations Act. This bill undermines the collective bargaining process.*

Higher Education – General

AB 1690 (Laird) Municipal services: University of California: Legislative Analyst

Requires the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO), in collaboration with other entities, to conduct a review of the planning processes used by the University of California (UC) and would require the review to be completed and delivered to the Legislature no later than December 1, 2006.

Veto Message: *Requesting the Legislative Analysts Office (LAO) to conduct a review and issue a report does not require legislation. Any member of the Legislature may request the LAO to conduct a study. This bill was amended five times, was heard in five different committees, and debated and voted on by members in both the Assembly and Senate.*

After thousands of state taxpayer dollars were spent during that process, the ultimate end product resulted in a bill that is not even necessary, since its objective can be accomplished simply by sending a one page letter to the LAO requesting the information .

SB 930 (Ducheny) Community colleges: Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges

Specifies that the two members of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges (CCC) appointed by the Governor to represent current or former elected members of the local CCC shall be appointed by the Governor from a list of names furnished by the statewide association representing CCC governing boards.

Veto Message: *This bill is unnecessary and reduces gubernatorial discretion to appoint the appropriate individuals to the California Community College Board of Governors. The Office of the Governor is currently able to consult with various resources, including statewide associations, when determining the most appropriate person to fill board appointments. Moreover, this bill would potentially eliminate the consideration of highly qualified persons because they are not associated with or recognized by the statewide organization representing community college governing boards.*

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Status of Remaining 2005-2006 Assembly & Senate Bills

Finance/Funding/Budget

AB 317 (Dymally) Community college finance

This bill provides for the allocation of an additional \$80 million of funding in the 2005 state budget for the California Community Colleges toward equalizing per-student funding, and applies the same distribution methodology as was used for equalization funding provided in the 2004 Budget Act.

Status: *Held Under Submission, Assembly Appropriations Committee*

AB 318 (Dymally) Community colleges: funding

This bill requires the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, when calculating the enrollment growth rate for a community college district pursuant to current law, to increase the growth rate otherwise specified for the district if the district served more than 102 percent of the district's enrollment cap in the preceding fiscal years. The bill makes these provisions contingent upon the enactment of SB 361 (Scott) by January 1, 2006.

Status: *Senate Education Committee*

AB 1137 (Dymally) Community colleges: appointment of trustee for fiscal stability

This bill statutorily prescribes the processes to be followed, beginning January 1, 2008, by the California Community College Board of Governors (BOG) to authorize the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to suspend the authority of the board of trustees of a California community college district and to appoint a special trustee to administer and oversee a district's operations.

Status: *Held Without Recommendation, Senate Education Committee*

AB 1402 (Blakeslee) Community colleges: property tax revenues

This bill establishes an automatic funding adjustment to the California Community Colleges (CCC) General Fund apportionments in order to compensate for errors in projections of the system's local property tax and student fee revenues.

Status: *Held Under Submission, Assembly Appropriations Committee*

AB 1604 (Saldaña) Community colleges: annual Budget Act

This bill: 1) Requires that the California Community Colleges (CCC), if the annual state budget is not enacted by July 1, receive a monthly allocation of state funds, in an amount equal to the previous fiscal year's monthly allocation, until the new budget is enacted. 2) Requires, after the budget is enacted, adjustments to subsequent CCC monthly allocations so that total funding provided to the CCC in a fiscal year equals that appropriated in the budget.

Status: *Held Under Submission, Assembly Appropriations Committee*

ACR 56 (Chu) California State University: campus budget accountability

This resolution would urge each campus of the California State University to provide a detailed accounting of budget allocations and expenditures of state General Fund moneys in specified budget categories in accordance with prescribed annual deadlines.

Status: *Assembly Appropriations Committee*

SB 361 (Scott) Community colleges: funding

This bill replaces the current system of program-based funding for the California Community Colleges (CCC) with a new funding allocation mechanism, effective July 1, 2006, that generally provides a single rate per full-time equivalent student (FTES) for all districts, with some exceptions.

Status: *Assembly Appropriations Committee*

SB 709 (Speier) Community colleges: audits

This bill expands the Board of Governors (BOG) of the California Community Colleges (CCC) existing annual reporting requirements to the Joint Legislative Audit Committee (JLAC).

Status: *Placed on Assembly Inactive File*

Financial Aid

AB 358 (Liu) Student financial aid: Cal Grant Program

This bill establishes a new policy to determine the maximum Cal Grant for students attending nonpublic colleges and universities, provides a phase-in period for the new policy, and requires a report related to issues in Cal Grant B.

Status: *Placed on Assembly Inactive File*

AB 476 (Baca) Student financial aid: Cal Grant Program: funding for teacher preparation

This bill redirects unused funding for the Cal Grant Entitlement Program to financial aid programs serving students preparing to become teachers.

Status: *Assembly Higher Education Committee*

AB 700 (J. Horton) Student financial aid: Ortiz-Pacheco-Poochigian Vasconcellos Cal Grant Program

This bill changes the eligibility requirements for the Cal Grant A and B Entitlement Program by eliminating eligibility criteria related to age.

Status: *Held Under Submission, Assembly Appropriations Committee*

AB 827 (Goldberg) Private postsecondary education: instruments of indebtedness: tuition loans

This bill: 1) Prohibits a tuition loan from being enforced by any school regulated by the Bureau of Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education if, at the time of the execution of the tuition loan, either the school did not have valid institutional approval from the Bureau or the agent enrolling the person receiving the tuition loan did not have a valid permit from the Bureau, 2) Defines tuition loan as a one that the creditor knows, when it is executed, will be used to pay for tuition, fees, or charges for educational services at a school regulated by the Bureau.

Status: *Assembly Appropriations Committee*

AB 1436 (Baca) Student financial aid: Cal Grant Program: military veterans

This bill expands eligibility for Cal Grants to include military veterans meeting the following criteria: 1) Former members of the Armed Forces who have been honorably discharged or California National Guard members called to active state or federal duty 2) Meet the income eligibility for Cal Grant A awards 3) Are currently enrolled for a minimum of six semester units.

The veterans are eligible for up to five years after returning from active duty and the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) is required to waive its application deadlines for these individuals.

Status: *Held Under Submission, Assembly Appropriations Committee*

Tuition/Student Fees

AB 473 (Liu) Community colleges: student fees

This bill: 1) establishes a process for local community college districts to assess student-approved fees, as specified, 2) requires the California Community Colleges Board of Governors (CCC BOG) to develop a fee policy, as specified, and 3) establishes other CCC student fee related policies, as specified.

Status: *Senate Rules Committee*

AB 828 (Cohn) Public postsecondary education: tuition and fee waiver for military veterans

This bill would provide that any person who is honorably serving in, or has been honorably discharged from, the armed forces of the United States, and any person who is a member of the California National Guard, the State Military Reserve, or the Naval Militia, and who is, or previously has been, called to active service, would not be subject to tuition or fees at any campus of the University of California, the California State University, or the California Community Colleges if he or she is a California resident.

Status: *Assembly Higher Education Committee*

AB 870 (Bermudez) Public postsecondary education: limitations on tuition and mandatory systemwide fee increases

This bill limits annual student fee increases at the state's three public higher education systems, beginning in 2005-06, to two percent unless at least one-third of the revenue from the fee increase is used to fund student financial aid programs at the respective segments.

Status: *Held Under Submission, Assembly Appropriations Committee*

AB 933 (Emmerson) Public postsecondary education: statewide student fee policy

This bill would require, commencing with the 2006-07 fiscal year, the level of mandatory systemwide fees for resident undergraduate students at the University of California, the California State University, and any campus of the California Community Colleges to be set as an unspecified percentage of the total cost of instruction, as defined.

Status: *Assembly Higher Education Committee*

Admissions/Transfer

AB 589 (Emmerson) Public postsecondary education: Nonresident admissions criteria

This bill excludes a student without legal immigration status from provisions of current law that exempts a non-resident, meeting specified criteria, from paying non-resident tuition at the California State University (CSU) and the California Community Colleges (CCC).

Status: *Failed Passage, Assembly Higher Education Committee*

AB 918 (Wyland) Public postsecondary education: resident classification

This bill requires each campus of the California State University (CSU) to recognize for the purposes of admissions and GPA calculations, high school career technical education (CTE) courses in those subject matter areas in which the CSU offers majors, provided that the CTE courses meet or exceed state-approved standards.

Status: *Senate Education Committee*

AB 1350 (Cogdill) Public postsecondary education: dual admissions program

This bill requires that any student who participates in the dual admission program will have his or her community college fees waived for up to 2 academic years, irrespective of financial need.

Status: *Assembly Higher Education Committee*

AB 1452 (Nuñez) Public postsecondary education: admissions policies

This bill authorizes the University of California (UC) and the California State University (CSU) to consider race, ethnicity, national origin, geographic origin, and household income, along with other relevant factors, in undergraduate and graduate admissions, so long as no preference is given and such consideration takes place if and when the university, campus, college, school, or program is attempting to obtain educational benefit through the recruitment of a multi-factored, diverse student body.

Status: *Senate Education Committee*

SB 652 (Scott) Public postsecondary education: transfer of community college students to the University of California

This bill requests the University of California to establish by June 1, 2006, a system wide lower division transfer curriculum for California Community College transfer students, as specified.

Status: *Assembly Higher Education Committee*

Vocational Ed/ Adult Ed

AB 1319 (Liu) Adult education: community college districts

This bill makes a number of declarations and findings about the importance and need for adult education programs, expresses the intent of the Legislature to clarify the mission of adult education and develop a clear and coordinated system between the State Department of Education and the California Community College system, and deletes the requirement that community college districts provide adult education programs and classes only if a mutual agreement is adopted between a high school or unified school district and a community college district.

Status: *Assembly Higher Education Committee*

SB 794 (Scott) Vocational education: requirements

This bill requires the California Community Colleges (CCC) to enhance economic and workforce regional economic development through improved Career Technical Education (CTE).

Status: *Held Under Submission, Assembly Appropriations Committee*

SB 845 (Scott) Vocational education: requirements

This bill revises the minimum requirements for the designated subjects preliminary vocational education and adult education teaching credentials.

Status: *Assembly Education Committee*

Nursing Education

AB 232 (Arambula) Registered nursing programs: California Community Colleges: California State University

This bill requires specified designees of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges (CCC) and the Chancellor of the California State University (CSU) to adopt prerequisites for registered nurse training programs that would be accepted by both the CCCs and the CSU for admission to their nursing programs.

Status: *Failed Passage, Reconsideration Given, Senate Education Committee*

AB 958 (De La Torre) Public postsecondary education: nursing education

This bill requires the trustees, and requests the regents, to establish a nursing education program designed to allow foreign-educated physicians, and other qualified persons with a significant

background of health care knowledge, to obtain bachelor of science degrees in nursing as a gateway to becoming registered nurses.

Status: *Assembly Higher Education Committee*

Preschool Issues

AB 172 (Chan) Universal preschool

This bill makes certain findings and states the intent of the Legislature with regard to universal preschool.

Status: *Senate Education Committee*

AB 1254 (Coto) Preschool teachers: limited English proficiency

This bill authorizes the State Department of Education (SDE) to award grants to establish and maintain training and career ladder opportunities for teachers who provide preschool instruction to limited English proficient (LEP) children.

Status: *Held Under Submission, Assembly Appropriations Committee*

Teacher Credentialing

AB 123 (Dymally) Teacher credentialing

This bill eliminates the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) as its own entity and instead establishes them as part of the State Department of Education (SDE).

Status: *Held Under Submission, Assembly Appropriations Committee*

AB 1490 (Canciamilla) Teacher credentialing: waiver

This bill authorizes a school district, county office of education, or community college district to hire a person who does not have a credential or other certification, to teach adult education, career technical education, or vocational education, or to teach in a regional occupation center or program, if the governing board or superintendent, as applicable, determines, and makes findings, that the person possesses the skills, education, training, or experience that meet a demand with respect to the education of pupils that the school district, county office of education, or community college district is otherwise unable to fill.

Status: *Assembly Education Committee*

Employee Issues

AB 49 (Benoit) Contracting for non-instructional services

This bill authorizes school districts and community college districts to contract for any non-instructional services. This bill also declares that these employer-employee relations provisions do not limit the authority of the University of California, the Hastings College of the Law, and the California State University, to enter into contracts with third parties for non-instructional services, as prescribed.

Status: *Assembly Education Committee*

AB 786 (Ruskin) Identity theft: California State University employees

This bill requires that, upon request of a California State University (CSU) employee following disclosure by the CSU of a breach in security of data containing their personal information, the employee shall have four hours of paid leave to deal with any problems associated with the security breach.

Status: *Held Under Submission, Assembly Appropriations Committee*

AB 1468 (McCarthy) School and community college districts: classified employees: contracting

This bill deletes conditions school districts and community college districts must meet to approve contracts expected to result in cost savings on services currently or customarily performed by classified school employees.

Status: *Assembly Education Committee*

Facilities

AB 58 (Nuñez) Kindergarten-Universally Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2006

This bill submits to the voters at the November 7, 2006 election the Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2006. The bond act, if approved by the voters, would provide for the issuance of state general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed an unspecified amount and of this amount, for each bond act, a prescribed amount would be deposited in the 2006 State School Facilities Fund to provide aid to school districts, county superintendents of schools, and county boards of education, and a prescribed amount would be deposited in the 2006 Higher Education Capital Outlay Bond Fund, which would be established by this bill to provide aid for California public higher education facilities.

Status: *Assembly Higher Education Committee*

AB 162 (Leslie) Community colleges: facilities

This bill requires: 1) the Department of General Services (DGS) to review community college facility design plans and to determine the scope and related costs of these reviews, 2) DGS and the California Community Colleges to collaboratively provide training for specified employees involved in school building, design, construction, or inspection and in regard to the plan review process established by the bill's provisions, and 3) DGS to evaluate the costs, savings, and overall efficacy of the plan approval process established by the bill, and to report, as specified. The bill's provisions are repealed on January 1, 2010.

Status: *Placed on Senate Inactive File*

ACR 34 (Liu) Public higher education facilities: space planning and utilization standards

This resolution recommends that the state's three public higher education segments: 1) Utilize, for higher education facilities development, the space and utilization standards recommended by the California Postsecondary Education Commission in a 1990 report. 2) Use the standards as guidelines to be applied on a campus-specific basis rather than a project-by-project basis. 3) Report biennially to the Department of Finance, the Legislative Analyst, and CPEC on their utilization of classrooms and teaching laboratories.

Status: *Assembly Higher Education Committee*

Charter Schools

AB 39 (Walters) Charter Schools: Alternative Authority

This bill establishes a pilot program that would authorize the Regents of the University of California, the Trustees of the California State University, or the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges to authorize no more than 10 campuses within their respective segments to approve and administer one charter school each.

This bill also requires the chartering authority to: 1) submit to the Legislature within 3 years of approving a charter school petition, and annually thereafter, a report regarding the effectiveness of that charter school in meeting specified requirements, including pupil performance objectives 2) present the charter petition to the school district within whose attendance boundaries the charter school will be located before that charter school may commence operation 3) present the charter at a regularly scheduled public meeting of the governing board of the school district 4) supervise and oversee each charter school that it approves 5) authorizes those oversight duties to be delegated to a different campus of the segment that is located within the county in which the charter school will operate.

Status: *Assembly Education Committee*

Private Postsecondary Education

AB 523 (Negrete McLeod) Private postsecondary institutions and standards

This bill requires that a private postsecondary institution could count a student who drops out of the program after completing at least 75% of the program because the student has obtained employment in an occupation included in the Standard Occupational Classifications system that is used on January 1, 2006, by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor.

This bill specifies that the term sole owner be used in the Corporations Code.

Status: *Assembly Higher Education Committee*

AB 840 (Arambula) Private postsecondary education: accreditation

This bill: 1) defines "nationally accredited institution" to mean an institution that provides a degree, diploma, or certificate, and that is accredited by a recognized national institutional accrediting body 2) defines "recognized national institutional accrediting body" to mean an institutional accrediting agency that is recognized by the United States Department of Education pursuant to a specified provision of federal law as a reliable authority as to the quality of education and training offered by postsecondary educational institutions, and the scope of the recognition of which is not limited to a specific region of the United States 3) specifies 5 bodies to which this definition would be limited 4) exempts nationally accredited institutions and non-WASC regionally accredited institutions that meet prescribed standards from being required to apply to the bureau to issue degrees, diplomas, or certificates that were not previously including in the bureau's approval to operate these institutions 5) specifies standards and procedures through which a nationally accredited institution that maintains its accredited status throughout the period of a student's course of study, and that is approved by the bureau to operate, may issue degrees, diplomas, or certificates notwithstanding provisions of the act that relate to both degree programs and nondegree programs.

Status: *Assembly Higher Education Committee*

AB 1532 (Bass) Private postsecondary institution: complaints for damages

This bill deletes the provision that requires the bureau to adopt regulations, in accordance with prescribed criteria, that specify its procedures for handling complaints against institutions regulated by the act and will instead enact detailed procedures, including specific timeframes, for the filing of complaints and responses to these complaints, the disposition of these complaints by the bureau, and the execution of the bureau's decisions with respect to these complaints.

Status: *Assembly Higher Education Committee*

Community College Issues

AB 1286 (Evans) Physician assistant training

This bill establishes the Northern California Community College Physician Assistant Training Program at Santa Rosa Junior College (SRJC) and appropriates \$360,000 to develop the curriculum and operate the program.

Status: *Assembly Higher Education Committee*

AB 1315 (Liu) Community colleges: textbook supplemental grant pilot program.

This bill: 1) expresses the intent of the Legislature to establish a pilot program that will enable a city to help its residents who are community college students to obtain textbooks 2) requires the chancellor to choose a California city to participate in the pilot program established by this bill from the cities that submit applications to the chancellor for this purpose 3) requires a city that submits an application to commit to identify a local revenue source to fund the pilot program and to establish a scholarship program for its residents who are community college students 4) establishes a pilot program that would provide grants of up to \$1,000 for each eligible full-time community college student in the participant city. The grant funds would be used for course-related textbooks and other course-related instructional materials, including, but not necessarily limited to, laboratory equipment 5) requires the chancellor to establish, and appoint the membership of, a 9-member Community Colleges Textbook Supplemental Grant Pilot Program Oversight Committee 6) specifies the groups to be represented by the chancellor's appointments to the oversight committee 7) specifies the categories of data, relating to the operation of the pilot program, to be collected and examined by the oversight committee as the basis for an annual recommendation to the chancellor and the participant city with respect to the level of funding required for a subsequent year of the pilot program 8) requires that the chancellor submit written findings and recommendations about the pilot program to the Legislature after the pilot program has operated for no less than 2 years and no more than 3 years.

Status: *Assembly Higher Education Committee*

AB 1425 (Daucher) California Community Colleges Economic and Workforce Development Program: career and occupational specialists

This bill: 1) Requires the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges (CCC), in consultation with the Department of Labor (DOL), to determine the non-academic, professional technical occupation fields that will be eligible for a new CCC hiring category. The Chancellor and the department are to consider fields that are rapidly changing occupational areas, emerging occupational areas, specialties, shortages, and high demand areas. 2) Authorizes the CCC to use a new category of faculty defined as "career and occupational specialist" and requires that employees holding these positions be non-tenured, offered a three-year contract that may be annually renewed, and have their salary and benefits negotiated through the collective

bargaining process. 3) Expresses legislative intent that the CCC Economic and Workforce Development Program be expanded to create new articulated courses between K-12 and CCC by building on successful integration between businesses and emerging industries.

Status: *Held Under Submission, Assembly Appropriations Committee*

Higher Education – General

AB 196 (Liu) Postsecondary education: accountability

This bill repeals the Higher Education Accountability Program which requires the California Postsecondary Education Commission (CPEC) to report annually on significant indicators of performance of the state's postsecondary institutions. The bill would specify the state's priorities for higher education and establish a statewide California Postsecondary Education Accountability (CPEA) structure that would require CPEC to assess the progress made by the state's postsecondary institutions in meeting specified policy goals.

Status: *Held Under Submission, Senate Appropriations Committee*

AB 1072 (Liu) Postsecondary education: California Commission on Higher Education

This bill establishes the California Commission on Higher Education (CCHE), repeals the provisions of current law that establish and prescribe the functions and responsibilities of the California Postsecondary Education Commission (CPEC), replaces it with the CCHE, and provides for the CCHE membership and duties.

Status: *Assembly Higher Education Committee*

SB 191 (Cedillo) Voter registration: public institutions of higher education

This bill urges the University of California (UC) and requires the California State University (CSU) and the California Community College (CCC) districts to provide voter registration materials.

Status: *Held Under Submission, Assembly Appropriations Committee*

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