

# 2013-2014 Mid-Session Legislative Update



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**2013-2014 Legislative Session**  
**Assembly Higher Education Committee**

**Chaptered Assembly & Senate Bills**

**AB 386 (Levine) Public postsecondary education: cross-enrollment: online education at the California State University.**

Expresses the intent of the Legislature that by the beginning of the 2015-16 academic year, students enrolled at the California State University (CSU) be provided an opportunity to enroll in online courses available at other CSU campuses, and that on or before January 1, 2015, for purposes of measuring the effectiveness of online education, the Trustees of the CSU shall establish a series of uniform definitions for online education; authorizes any CSU student enrolled at a CSU campus to enroll in an online course provided by another CSU campus; requires the CSU Trustees, on or before January 1, 2015, to establish an easily accessible online database of online courses available at the CSU; states that the CSU Trustees, on or before January 1, 2017, report to the Legislature on performance data on online courses as specified; and, states that on or before October 1, 2017, the Legislative Analyst submit a status update to the Legislature regarding CSU's implementation of the measure as specified.

**Status:** Chapter 363, Statutes of 2013

**AB 447 (Williams) California State University: student trustees**

This bill authorizes the non-voting student trustee during the first year of his/her term, except as specified, to vote at the California State University Board of Trustees meeting if the voting student member is absent from the meeting due to illness, a family emergency, or a medical emergency.

**Status:** Chapter 327, Statutes of 2013

**AB 595 (Gomez) Community colleges: priority enrollment**

This bill requires a California Community College (CCC) district that administers a priority enrollment system to grant priority registration for enrollment to students in the CCC Extended Opportunity Programs and Services Program and to disabled students, as defined.

**Status:** Chapter 704; Statutes of 2013

**AB 955 (Williams) Community colleges: intersession extension programs**

This bill requires the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office to establish a voluntary pilot program that authorizes a community college district to establish and maintain an extension program meeting specified characteristics during summer and winter intersessions. This bill requires the Legislative Analyst's Office, by January 1, 2017, to submit a report on the pilot program to the Legislature, as specified. This bill states the intent of the Legislature that at least

one campus should begin implementation of the pilot program by January 2014 and that an additional five campuses should implement the pilot program by July 1, 2014.

**Status:** Chapter 710, Statutes of 2013

**AB 1025 (Garcia) Public postsecondary education: credit by examination**

This bill requires the California Community Colleges and the California State University to provide information about credit by examination opportunities wherever course and class information is available and requests the University of California comply with these same requirements.

**Status:** Chapter 712, Statutes of 2013

**AB 1030 (Colley) Community colleges: organization of governing boards: nonvoting student members**

This bill authorizes, if the seat of a student trustee becomes vacant during his/her term, the governing board of a California Community College (CCC) district to allow the officers of the college's student body association, as specified, to appoint an interim nonvoting student trustee to serve the remainder of the term in accordance with the CCC district's policies.

**Status:** Chapter 188, Statutes of 2013

**AB 1358 (Fong) Student body association: student representation fee**

This bill increases the current California Community College (CCC) student representation fee from \$1 to \$2 per semester, subject to an affirmative majority vote (rather than 2/3) of a CCC's students and directs the additional \$1 fee increase to be expended on the establishment and support the operations of a statewide CCC student organization, as specified.

**Status:** Chapter 714, Statutes of 2013

**ACR 20 (Logue, Perea) Postsecondary education: instruction in world religions: Sikhism**

This resolution recognizes the need for the inclusion of Sikhism in world religions, Eastern religions, Asian, and South Asian courses at all postsecondary educational institutions.

**Status:** Resolution Chapter 23, Statutes of 2013

**ACR 71 (Weber) Africana studies programs**

This resolution makes findings and declarations regarding the origins, history, and impact, and expresses the support of the Legislature for the continuation of, Africana studies departments, programs, and related projects in California's institutions of higher education.

**Status:** Resolution Chapter 145, Statutes of 2013

**AJR 20** (John A. Perez) *Federal Direct Stafford Loans: interest rates*

This resolution requests that Congress and the President of the United States enact legislation that prevents the doubling of interest rates for Federal Direct Stafford Loans and creates a long-term legislative solution to maintain affordable and reliable federal student loan rates while preserving funding for other federal education programs and benefits.

**Status:** Resolution Chapter 66, Statutes of 2013

**SB 21** (Roth) *University of California: UC Riverside Medical School*

This bill requests the School of Medicine at the University of California, Riverside to develop a program, consistent with its mission, in conjunction with the health facilities of its medical residency programs, to identify eligible medical residents and to assist those medical residents in applying for physician retention programs, including, but not limited to, the Steven M. Thompson Physician Corps Loan Repayment Program; and lists a variety of legislative findings and declarations.

**Status:** Chapter 203, Statutes of 2013

**SB 141** (Correa) *Postsecondary education benefits: children of deported or voluntarily departed parents*

This bill requires the California State University and California Community College districts, and requests the University of California exempt from non-resident tuition charges, under specified circumstances, a United States citizen who moved abroad as a result of his/her parent's deportation.

**Status:** Chapter 576, Statutes of 2013

**SB 150** (Lara) *Pupils: concurrent enrollment in secondary school and community college: nonresident tuition exemption*

This bill authorizes a community college district to exempt pupils attending community colleges as a special part-time student from paying nonresident tuition.

**Status:** Chapter 575, Statutes of 2013

**SB 195** (Liu) *California postsecondary education: state goals*

This bill establishes legislative intent that budget and policy decisions regarding postsecondary education generally adhere to the goals of: (1) improving student access and success; (2) better aligning degrees and credentials with the state's economic, workforce, and civic needs; and (3) ensuring the effective and efficient use of resources. Additionally, this bill establishes legislative intent that performance metrics be developed for the purpose of monitoring progress toward meeting the aforementioned goals and informing the annual state budget process.

**Status:** Chapter 367, Statutes of 2013

**SB 290 (Knight, Walters) *Nonresident tuition exemption: veterans***

This bill exempts a California Community Colleges (CCC) student, or a California State University (CSU) undergraduate student, from paying nonresident tuition if that student was a member of the Armed Forces of the United States stationed in this state on active duty for more than one year immediately prior to being discharged if he/she files an affidavit with the institution at which he/she is enrolled or intends to enroll, stating that he/she intends to establish residency in California as soon as possible, and uses this exemption within two years of being discharged. This bill requests the University of California to also adopt the same policy as the CCC and CSU.

**Status:** Chapter 696, Statutes of 2013

**SB 325 (Block) *Trustees of the California State University: student members***

This bill changes the requirements for services as a student trustee on the California State University Board of Trustees, as specified.

**Status:** Chapter 175, Statutes of 2013

**SB 440 (Padilla) *Public postsecondary education: Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act***

This bill expands the provisions of the Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act to require that the California Community Colleges (CCC) create associate transfer degrees in every major, and in areas of emphasis, and require that the California State University (CSU) accept these degrees, and develop an admissions redirection process for students who complete these degrees but are denied admission to the CSU campus to which they have applied. This bill also requires the CCC and the CSU to establish a student-centered communication and marketing strategy to increase the visibility of the associate degree for transfer pathway, as specified.

**Status:** Chapter 720, Statutes of 2013

**SB 490 (Jackson) *Early Assessment Program: common core academic content standards***

This bill encourages California community college (CCC) districts that participate in the Early Assessment Program to consult with the Academic Senate of the CCCs to work toward sequencing their pre-collegiate and transfer level English and math courses to the common core academic content standards.

**Status:** Chapter 482, Statutes of 2013

**SB 576 (Block) *Teacher credentialing: Commission on Teacher Credentialing***

This bill authorizes the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges to appoint an alternate representative to serve as an ex officio member to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, in the absence of the California Postsecondary Education Commission's representative.

**Status:** Chapter 185, Statutes of 2013

**SB 595** (Calderon) *Postsecondary education: financial aid*

This bill prohibits any campus of the California Community Colleges or the California State University from entering into a contract with any entity on or after January 1, 2014, that requires students to open an account with the entity as a condition of the student receiving a financial aid disbursement, and requires that they offer a student the option of receiving his/her financial aid disbursement via direct deposit within one day of the disbursement of monies, as specified. The bill also requests the University of California to comply with these provisions.

**Status:** Chapter 217, Statutes of 2013

**SB 681** (Ed Hernandez) *Community college districts: personal property*

This bill expands the authority of a community college district to “piggyback” on an existing contract between a public corporation or agency (including any county, city, town, or district) and a vendor for the lease or purchase of personal property by authorizing the district to directly purchase from, and make payments to, the vendor.

**Status:** Chapter 726, Statutes of 2013

**SB 807** (Price) *California State University: African American Political and Economic Institute*

This bill requires the California State University, Dominguez Hills, to rename its African American Political and Economic Institute as the Mervyn M. Dymally African American Political and Economic Institute.

**Status:** Chapter 170, Statutes of 2013





**2013-2014 Legislative Session**  
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**Vetoed Assembly & Senate Bills**

**AB 1287 (Quirk-Silva) Student financial aid: Cal Grant Program eligibility**

This bill would have established eligibility criteria for Cal Grant award recipients to receive renewal awards who were once determined to be ineligible for a renewal award, as specified, but who subsequently meet the eligibility requirements for a Cal Grant award.

**Veto Message:** *This bill expands Cal Grant eligibility by allowing students who no longer meet financial eligibility requirements to put their Cal Grant award on reserve status until they become eligible. This change results in a costly expansion of the program.*

*While I agree that the current Cal Grant program is not perfect, I am not convinced that AB 1287 is the right solution. I remain committed to helping students succeed and see merit in reviewing the current policy. However, I am reluctant to commit limited state resources to expand the Cal Grant program in this way.*

**SB 285 (de León) Student financial aid: Cal Grant Program**

This bill would have provided for the use of funds from the College Access Tax Credit Fund (CATC) to increase the amount of the Cal Grant B Access Award up to a maximum of \$5000 per award per academic year; would have authorized the California Student Aid Commission to be reimbursed from the CATC for all administrative costs incurred in connection with its duties; and would have become operative only if SB 284 (Senator De León, 2013) was enacted and became operative on or before January 1, 2014.

**Veto Message:** *This bill, which is contingent on the enactment of Senate Bill 284, would authorize the use of the College Access Tax Credit Fund.*

*I was unable to sign Senate Bill 284 due to a technical flaw. As a consequence, this bill cannot become operative.*





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**Status of Remaining Assembly & Senate Bills**

**AB 13 (Chávez, Quirk-Silva) Nonresident tuition exemption: veterans**

The bill authorizes the California Community Colleges, California State University, and the University of California to exempt from paying nonresident tuition a student or prospective student of their respective segments who is a former member of the Armed Forces of the United States, who has been discharged from active duty, and who is using, or is intending to use, “GI Bill” education benefits, as specified.

**Status:** Senate Rules Committee.

**AB 46 (Pan) California State University: trustees**

Authorizes ex officio members of the California State University Board of Trustees (Board) to designate a representative to attend, speak, and vote at Board meetings in the ex officio member's absence and authorizes the non-voting student trustee to vote at a Board meeting if the voting student member is absent from the meeting.

**Status:** Senate Education Committee.

**AB 51 (Logue and Morrell) Public postsecondary education: Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program**

This bill establishes a pilot program with the goal of creating a model of articulation and coordination among K–12 schools, community colleges, and campuses of the California State University that will allow students to earn a baccalaureate degree for a total cost not exceeding \$10,000, including textbooks.

**Status:** Assembly Higher Education Committee.

**AB 67 (Olsen, Chávez, Gorell) Public postsecondary education: funding**

This bill requires the California State University, and requests the University of California, to freeze undergraduate tuition and fees through 2016-17.

**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee. Held under submission.

**AB 138 (Olsen) Public postsecondary education: undergraduate tuition and mandatory systemwide fees**

This bill would add to the Donahoe Higher Education Act a provision requiring the trustees, and the regents if they act by appropriate resolution as referenced above, to determine the amounts of undergraduate tuition and mandatory systemwide fees for California residents in each incoming first-year class in their respective segments. The bill would also require that the tuition and mandatory systemwide fees set for California residents in each incoming first-year class under the bill would not be increased until that class has completed at least 4 academic years.

**Status:** Assembly Higher Education Committee.

**AB 159 (Chávez) Public postsecondary education: tuition and mandatory systemwide fees**

This bill would require the trustees of the California State University, and would request the Regents of the University of California, to determine the amounts of undergraduate tuition and mandatory systemwide fees for each incoming first-year class. The bill would also require that the tuition and mandatory systemwide fees set for an incoming first-year class under the bill not be increased for that class for at least 6 academic years, except as adjusted for inflation, as specified.

**Status:** Assembly Higher Education Committee.

**AB 181 (Logue) Public postsecondary education: Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program: University of California**

Establishes a pilot program with the goal of establishing a coordinated curriculum that enables students to earn a baccalaureate degree from a participating University of California campus within 3 years of graduating from a secondary school, at a total cost to the student that does not exceed \$20,000, excluding the cost of instructional materials and mandatory campus-based fees.

**Status:** Assembly Higher Education Committee.

**AB 255 (Waldron) Public postsecondary education: digital arts pilot program**

Establishes a Digital Arts Degree Pilot Program at the California Community Colleges and up to eight campuses of the California State University, and requests the University of California to establish at up to two campuses a digital arts degree.

**Status:** Assembly Higher Education Committee.

**AB 283** (Bloom) *Community colleges: property tax revenues*

This bill intends, as is currently provided for K-12 schools, that automatic adjustments in General Fund apportionments be provided to the California Community Colleges (CCC) to the extent actual property tax revenues to the CCC differ from the amount of such revenues estimated in the annual Budget Act.

**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee.

**AB 303** (Ian Calderon) *Student financial aid: Cal Grant Program: members and former members of the Armed Forces of the United States*

This bill would, commencing with the 2014–15 academic year, entitle an otherwise eligible student who is a member or former member of the Armed Forces of the United States, as defined, who meets prescribed requirements, including, but not limited to, enrollment in a qualifying undergraduate certificate or degree program, to a Cal Grant A Entitlement Award or a Cal Grant B Entitlement Award. The bill also would require the California Student Aid Commission to make preliminary awards to all applicants currently eligible for an award under the program, and would require each person who receives a preliminary award to affirm, in writing, that he or she meets specified requirements for eligibility in the program.

**Status:** Assembly Higher Education Committee.

**AB 330** (Chau) *Student financial aid: disclosures*

Requires postsecondary educational institutions to provide their net price calculators and average student debt per graduate to the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) as a condition of eligibility for the Cal Grant Program, requires CSAC to provide this information on its website in a searchable database, and requires a for-profit institution to include this information in its School Performance Fact Sheet.

**Status:** Assembly Higher Education Committee.

**AB 368** (Morrell) *Public postsecondary education: resident classification*

This bill would expand existing residency classification provisions by deleting the provisions requiring the member of the Armed Forces to be stationed in the state, and by defining “Armed Forces of the United States” to include the National Guard and the reserve components of the Armed Forces, including the California National Guard. The bill would also request the Regents of the University of California to establish the same residency requirements as those established by this bill for students enrolled at the University of California.

**Status:** Assembly Higher Education Committee.

**AB 387 (Levine) Public postsecondary education: California State University: online education**

This bill requires the California State University to report performance data for students taking online courses.

**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee. Held under submission.

**AB 388 (Chesbro) Community colleges: Seymour-Campbell Student Success Act of 2013**

This bill specifies that nothing within the student matriculation statutes is intended to preclude a community college from providing courses and programs, as specified, to the extent resources are available for those purposes.

**Status:** Senate Education Committee.

**AB 475 (Brown) Student athletes: scholarships**

This bill would define the term “licensing fees” for purposes of the Student Athlete Bill of Rights, and would instead make those provisions applicable to intercollegiate athletic programs at 4-year institutions of higher education in the state that receive, as an average, \$20,000,000 or more in annual revenue derived from media rights and licensing fees for intercollegiate athletics. Additionally, this bill would require that, commencing with the 2015–16 academic year, an athletic scholarship given out by a public institution of higher education in the state be guaranteed for 5 academic years or for the completion of a student athlete’s eligibility if the student athlete maintains good standing with the institution he or she attends and continues his or her participation in the sport. The bill would also require that, commencing with the 2015–16 academic year, a full athletic scholarship given out by a public institution cover the full cost of attendance for the institution the student athlete attends, and include an additional \$3,600 student athlete participation stipend.

**Status:** Assembly Higher Education Committee.

**AB 534 (Wieckowski) Postsecondary education: institutional and financial assistance information for students**

This bill requires the state’s postsecondary education institutions to provide counseling to all students with loans from the institution or a private lender or recommended to a student by the institution.

**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee. Held under submission.

**AB 589 (Fox) Medical education: underrepresented medical specialties**

This bill would establish a loan assumption program for physicians working full time in California practicing in underrepresented specialties, as defined. This program would provide loan assumption benefits to persons who agree to work full time for 4 consecutive years in California as physicians practicing in underrepresented specialties, as specified. The program provides for a progressive assumption of the amount of a qualifying loan over 4 consecutive

years of qualifying practice, up to a total loan assumption of \$20,000. The bill would also require that, in any fiscal year, the commission award no more than the number of warrants that are authorized in the Budget Act for that fiscal year for the assumption of loans pursuant to the program. This program would become inoperative on July 1, 2019, and would be repealed on January 1, 2020.

**Status:** Assembly Health Committee.

**AB 634 (Gomez) Private postsecondary education: avocational education**

Requires the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE) to promulgate regulations to clarify the definition of avocational education for the purpose of the statute that establishes BPPE and its authority.

**Status:** Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee.

**AB 646 (Cooley) Public education governance: regional P-20 councils: advisory committee**

This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to affirm the employer-education partnership model of a regional P-20 council as a desired structure in California to help align preschool, K-12, community college, 4-year college, and graduate and professional education programs and funding to advance strategic educational and economic outcomes.

**Status:** Assembly Education Committee.

**AB 675 (Fong) Community colleges: employment of faculty**

This bill would state that a faculty member shall be deemed to have completed the 2nd, 3rd, or 4th contract year, as appropriate, if the faculty member provides service for a percentage of the academic year as is required in an agreement between the governing board of the community college district and the exclusive representative of the faculty member, as provided.

**Status:** Assembly Higher Education Committee.

**AB 684 (Medina) Workforce training: general educational development test preparation: grants**

This bill would add an uncodified section of law to authorize the California Workforce Investment Board to provide grants, from state and federal funds available for this purpose, to accredited institutions that provide instruction to persons who are preparing for the general educational development test.

**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee. Held under submission.

**AB 733 (Mansoor) Community colleges: academic credit for military training and experience**

This bill would authorize community college district governing boards to grant academic credit to students who are honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States, as defined, or who are current members of a reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States, for their military training and experience that is determined by the district to meet prescribed guidelines.

**Status:** Assembly Higher Education Committee.

**AB 734 (Mansoor) University of California: regent meetings: student participation**

This bill would encourage the Regents of the University of California to allow a student, selected by the University of California Student Association, to attend the closed session meetings. The bill would require the student to be a nonvoting, noncontributing participant at the meetings.

**Status:** Assembly Higher Education Committee.

**AB 736 (Fox) California State University: Antelope Valley campus**

Requires the Chancellor of the California State University (CSU) to conduct a study regarding the feasibility of establishing a CSU satellite program and independent campus in the Antelope Valley and requires the CSU Chancellor to complete and submit the study to the CSU Trustees within 18 months after the date that the Trustees have certified that sufficient non-state funds are available to conduct the study.

**Status:** Senate Education Committee.

**AB 806 (Wilk) Community colleges: salaries of classroom instructions**

This bill:

- 1) For purposes of determining a community college district's compliance with the 50% law, includes the salaries and benefits of academic counselors and librarians, and faculty salaries associated with instructional support and professional development activities, as counting toward compliance, commencing with the 2014-15 academic year.
- 2) Authorizes the California Community Colleges (CCC) Board of Governors (BOG) to establish a compliance committee to:
  - a) Review the auditing procedures to develop ways to ensure compliance with the 50% law as revised by this bill.
  - b) Review local district auditing procedures and recommend to the BOG any necessary changes to procedures published in the CCC Budget and Accounting Manual to achieve the accounting requirements as revised by this bill.

**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee.

**AB 832** (Weber) *Electronic benefits transfer cards: state college campuses*

This bill would require all convenience stores and bookstores on any campus of the University of California, the California State University, and the California Community Colleges to accept the use of electronic benefits transfer cards. The bill would also make related legislative findings and declarations.

**Status:** Assembly Human Services Committee

**AB 895** (Rendon) *Postsecondary education: online education task force*

This bill would establish the California Postsecondary Online Education Task Force, to consist of 15 members to be selected, as specified, on or before March 31, 2014. This bill would also require the task force to evaluate and collect data on specified topics, and to submit a report on or before January 1, 2016, and every 2 years thereafter, to the Legislature with information obtained in its examination of those topics and recommendations of innovative online education methods.

**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee. Held under submission.

**AB 944** (Nestande) *Distance learning*

This bill establishes a common definition of distance learning courses and requires data gathering and reporting on such courses offered by the state public postsecondary institutions.

**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee. Held under submission.

**AB 950** (Chau) *Community colleges: full-time instructors*

This bill prohibits a full-time faculty member of a community college district from being assigned a workload with an overload or extra assignments exceeding 50% of the full-time semester or quarter workload, with specified exceptions.

**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee. Held under submission.

**AB 1085** (Beth Gaines, Morrell) *Cal Grant Program: maximum award amounts: private institutions*

This bill, for 2013-14 only, reverses a recent budget action to reduce maximum Cal Grant awards for students attending private for-profit and nonprofit postsecondary educational institutions.

**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee. Held under submission.

**AB 1093 (Grove) Veterans: student financial aid**

This bill would reinstate these provisions and request that the Adjutant General also make available additional information, as specified, regarding federal Montgomery GI Bill benefits and contact information for veterans' educational assistance.

**Status:** Veterans Affairs Committee.

**AB 1146 (Morrell) Pupils: concurrent enrollment in secondary school and community college**

This bill extends, from January 1, 2014 to January 1, 2019, the exemption from the 5% cap on concurrent enrollment for pupils who enroll in community college summer session courses that meet specified criteria.

**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee. Held under submission.

**AB 1162 (Frazier) Student financial aid: debit cards**

This bill would require the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges and the Trustees of the California State University, and request the Regents of the University of California and the governing bodies of accredited private postsecondary educational institutions to adopt policies to be used to negotiate contracts with banks and other financial institutions for the disbursement of students' financial aid awards and other refunds onto debit cards, prepaid cards, or preloaded cards, as specified.

**Status:** Senate Banking & Financial Institutions Committee.

**AB 1199 (Fong) Community colleges: funding**

This bill, an urgency measure, essentially establishes a loan program for community colleges under specified accreditation sanctions. This bill requires the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges (CCC) to adopt a revenue funding formula that provides CCC districts under specified accreditation status (probation or "show cause"), a second year of declining enrollment revenue relief, provided certain conditions are met, and the district must pay back the second year of declining enrollment revenue in equal installments over the following two years.

**Status:** Senate Education Committee.

**AB 1241 (Weber) Student financial aid: Cal Grant Program**

This bill expands the timeframe after high school graduation during which students are eligible for the Cal Grant Entitlement Program by one additional academic year, beginning in the 2015-16 award year.

**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee. Held under submission.

**AB 1271 (Bonta) Workforce development**

This bill would establish the Economically Impacted Area Loan Repayment Program, to be administered by the California Workforce Investment Board and to provide for the repayment of business school loans of participants who satisfy its requirements.

**Status:** Assembly Higher Education Committee.

**AB 1285 (Fong) Student financial aid: Cal Grant Program**

This bill would phase in elimination of the restriction in the Cal Grant B program that, in the first year of enrollment, denies tuition benefits to 98% of Cal Grant B recipients.

**Status:** Senate Education Committee.

**AB 1306 (Wilk) Public postsecondary education: New University of California**

This bill would establish The New University of California as a 4th segment of public postsecondary education in this state. The bill would also establish an 11 member Board of Trustees of The New University of California as the governing body of the university, and specify the membership and appointing authority for the board of trustees.

**Status:** Assembly Higher Education Committee.

**AB 1318 (Bonilla) Student financial aid: Cal Grant Program**

This bill establishes a statutory formula which increases the amount of the current Cal Grant award for students attending private colleges accredited by Western Association of Schools and Colleges and establishes an institutional aid threshold which must be met for institutional eligibility for the Cal Grant program.

**Status:** Senate Education Committee.

**AB 1348 (John A. Pérez) Postsecondary education: California Higher Education Authority**

Establishes, the California Higher Education Authority, its governing board and its responsibilities, effective July 1, 2014.

**Status:** Senate Education Committee.

**AB 1364 (Ting) Student financial aid: Cal Grant Program**

This bill increases the maximum amount of the Cal Grant B access award to \$1,710, beginning in the 2014-15 academic year, and provides for its annual increase based upon the California Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, as specified.

**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee. Held under submission.

**ACR 76 (Lowenthal) *Freedom of speech: institutions of higher education***

Recognizes the supreme importance of the right to freedom of speech on college campuses as a mechanism for sharing and discussion of diverse ideas and opinions; condemns biased, hurtful, and dangerous speech intended to stoke fear and intimidation in its listeners; and encourages public postsecondary institutions to ensure that they provide a safe, encouraging environment for exercising the right to freedom of speech and for the vibrant discussion of ideas and opinions from people of all walks of life.

**Status:** Assembly Floor.

**HR 26 (Williams, John A. Pérez) *Relative to student loan forgiveness***

This resolution reaffirms California's commitment to maintaining college affordability and accessibility as well as public service.

**Status:** Assembly Higher Education Committee.

**SB 173 (Liu) *Education funding: adult health and safety education***

Establishes guidelines and recommendations for adult education programs in the areas of assessment, performance accountability, and teacher requirements; and eliminates specified classes and courses authorized to be funded from the adult education fund and California Community Colleges adult education noncredit apportionments.

**Status:** Assembly Higher Education Committee.

**SB 520 (Steinberg) *Student instruction: California Online Student Incentive Grant programs***

This bill creates an incentive grant program to assist faculty and individual campuses of the University of California, the California State University, and the California Community Colleges, to provide increased opportunities for students to take online courses, as specified.

**Status:** Assembly Higher Education Committee.



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**Failed Passage & Changed Jurisdiction Assembly & Senate Bills**

**AB 27 (Medina) University of California: UC Riverside Medical School: funding**

Appropriates \$15 million annually from the General Fund to the Regents of the University of California for allocation to the School of Medicine at the University of California, Riverside.

*On September 6, 2013, AB 27 was amended out of the jurisdiction of the Assembly Higher Education Committee to address vehicle registration permits.*

**AB 409 (Quirk-Silva) Student veterans: services**

Requires the California State University and the California Community Colleges to convene a task force to evaluate and report to the Governor and the Legislature how best to serve the transitional needs of postsecondary student veterans, as specified, and encourages the University of California to participate in the task force.

*On June 25, 2013, AB 4096 was amended out of the jurisdiction of the Assembly Higher Education Committee to address the disclosing of financial interests by elected or appointed state and local offices and designated employees of state and local agencies.*

**AB 606 (Williams, Quirk-Silva) Student financial aid: community colleges**

Requires the California Community College Chancellor's Office to establish a voluntary pilot program to increase student participation in state and federal financial aid programs, outlines the parameters of the pilot, and requires the Legislative Analyst's Office to report to the Legislature on the results of the pilot program and to make recommendations for its statewide expansion.

*On September 11, 2013, AB 606 was amended out of the jurisdiction of the Assembly Higher Education Committee to address Hueneme Beach shoreline protection.*

