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## **Academic Issues**

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### **AB 51 (Logue and Morrell)**

#### **Public postsecondary education: Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program**

*Died for lack of a hearing, Assembly Higher Education Committee*

This bill would have established 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 would allow students to earn a baccalaureate degree for a total cost not exceeding \$10,000, including textbooks.

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### **AB 181 (Logue)**

#### **Public postsecondary education: Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program: University of California**

*Died for lack of a hearing, Assembly Higher Education Committee*

This bill would have established a pilot program with the goal of establishing a coordinated curriculum that would enable 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.

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### **AB 255 (Waldron)**

#### **Public postsecondary education: digital arts pilot program**

*Died for lack of a hearing, Assembly Higher Education Committee*

This bill would have established a Digital Arts Degree Pilot Program at the California Community Colleges and up to eight campuses of the California State University, and request the University of California to establish at up to two campuses a digital arts degree.

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### **AB 386 (Levine)**

#### **Public postsecondary education: cross-enrollment: online education at the California State University**

*Chapter 363; Statutes of 2013*

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.

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

*Held under submission, Assembly Appropriations Committee*

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

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**AB 388 (Chesbro)**  
**Juveniles**

*Chapter 760, Statutes of 2014*

As introduced, this bill specified 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.

*On April 29, 2014, AB 388 was amended out of the jurisdiction of the Assembly Higher Education Committee to deal with juveniles.*

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**AB 548 (Salas)**  
**Public postsecondary education: community college registered nursing programs**

*Chapter 203, Statutes of 2014*

Extends until January 1, 2020, the California Community College (CCC) districts' associate degree nursing programs admissions process and requires the Chancellor of the CCC to submit a report on or before March 1, 2015, and annually thereafter to the Legislature and the Governor, as specified.

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

*Held under submission, Assembly Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have established 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.

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

*Held under submission, Assembly Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have established a common definition of distance learning courses and require data gathering and reporting on such courses offered by the state public postsecondary institutions.

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**AB 1451 (Holden)**

**Public schools: concurrent enrollment in secondary school and community college**

*Held under submission, Senate Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have authorized the governing board of a school district, until July 1, 2020, to enter into a formal concurrent enrollment partnership agreement with a community college district located within its immediate service area, with the goal of developing a seamless pathway from high school to community college, as specified.

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**AB 1540 (Hagman)**

**Concurrent enrollment in secondary school and community college**

*Held under submission, Assembly Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have expanded the opportunity for high school students to enroll in community college computer science courses and makes other changes to concurrent enrollment provisions.

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**AB 1924 (Logue)**

**Public postsecondary education: Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program**

*Held at request of author, Assembly Higher Education Committee*

This bill would have expressed the intent of the Legislature to establish 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 would allow students to earn a baccalaureate degree for a total cost as close as possible to \$12,000. The bill would have established a Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program that would include campuses of the California State University, community college districts, and county offices of education in up to 7 areas of the state, but would only include institutions that explicitly request inclusion in the program. The bill would have required the public postsecondary educational institutions and local educational agencies participating in the pilot program to coordinate their efforts to expedite the progress of participating students from high school to community college to California State University.

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**AB 1925 (Logue)**

**Public postsecondary education: Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program: University of California**

*Held at request of author, Assembly Higher Education Committee*

This bill would have expressed the intent of the Legislature to establish a pilot program with the goal of establishing a coordinated curriculum that enables students, including, but not necessarily limited to, students who have earned college course credit through concurrent enrollment in high school and community college, 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 as close as possible to \$25,000, excluding the cost of mandatory campus-based fees. The bill would have authorized the University of California to establish a Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program that includes any campus of the University of California, any campus of the California Community Colleges that volunteered to participate, and any secondary educational institution that volunteered to participate. The bill would have placed specified conditions on the operation of the pilot program, which would have applied to the University of California only to the extent made applicable by action of the Regents of the University of California.

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**AB 2092 (Chávez)**

**Postsecondary education: Donahoe Higher Education Act: 4-year baccalaureate degree**

*Held under submission, Assembly Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have required the Trustees of the California State University, and requested the Regents of the University of California, to offer to eligible students an agreement guaranteeing that a student who meets certain conditions may complete a baccalaureate degree within four academic years, as specified.

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**AB 2153 (Gray)**

**Postsecondary education: course offerings**

*Held at request of author, Senate Education Committee*

This bill would have defined “supplanting” for purposes of special session instructional programs offered at the California State University.

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**AB 2352 (Chesbro)**

**Community colleges: early and middle college high schools**

*Held under submission, Senate Appropriations Committee*

This bill exempted a student attending an early college high school (ECHS) from lower community college enrollment status, as specified. In addition, this bill provides that a community college district may claim state apportionment funding for middle college high school (MCHS) and ECHS students for courses required for the students' MCHS or ECHS programs even if the courses do not comply with existing statutory criteria applicable to other high school students taking community college courses.

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**AB 2431 (Dababneh)**

**Postsecondary education: animal research**

*Held under submission, Assembly Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have:

- 1) Required any public or nonpublic independent postsecondary educational institution that confines dogs or cats for research purposes and intended to destroy the dog or cat to first offer the dog or cat to an animal adoption or animal rescue organization.
- 2) Stated that (1) does not apply to animals that are irremediably suffering from a serious illness or severe injury and newborn animals needing maternal care without having access to their mothers.

**AB 2610 (Williams and Gray)**  
**California State University: special sessions**

*Held under submission, Senate Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have defined “supplanting” for purposes of special session instructional programs offered at the California State University, and expanded oversight and reporting relative to special session instructional programs.

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

*Chapter 720, Statutes of 2013*

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. The CCC and the CSU are also required to establish a student-centered communication and marketing strategy to increase the visibility of the associate degree for transfer pathway, as specified.

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**SB 466 (DeSaulnier)**  
**California Institute for Criminal Justice Policy**

*Held under submission, Assembly Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have established the California Institute for Criminal Justice Policy (Institute), and requested the Institute be housed within the University of California (UC), to consult with the UC, one or more university-based programs with expertise in evaluating rehabilitation programs, and any other appropriate person or entity to conduct a cost-benefit analysis and develop a ranking on the effectiveness of crime prevention, rehabilitation, and recidivism reduction programs in California, or additional research as requested by the Legislature.

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

*Chapter 482, Statutes of 2013*

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.

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

*Died for lack of a hearing, Assembly Higher Education Committee*

This bill would have created 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.

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

*Chapter 170, Statutes of 2013*

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.

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**SB 850 (Block)**  
**Public postsecondary education: community college districts: baccalaureate degree pilot program**

*Chapter 747, Statutes of 2014*

Authorizes the California Community Colleges (CCC) Board of Governors, in consultation with the California State University and the University of California, to establish a statewide baccalaureate degree pilot program at not more than 15 CCC districts, as specified.

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**SB 1200 (Padilla)**  
**Public postsecondary education: academic standards**

*Chapter 518, Statutes of 2014*

Requests the University of California (UC) and requires the California State University (CSU) to develop guidelines for high school computer science courses to be approved for admission, and encourages UC to ensure that computer science courses that satisfy the math subject area requirements for admission build upon fundamental math content in courses that align with the academic content standards developed by the Academic Content Standards Commission (ACSC). This bill states legislative intent that UC and CSU align their respective model academic standards for high school courses in language arts and math to the ACSC.





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## **Access & Affordability**

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

*Held under submission, Assembly Appropriations Committee*

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

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

*Held at request of author, Assembly Higher Education Committee*

This bill would have added to the Donahoe Higher Education Act a provision requiring the trustees of the California State University, and the Regents of the University of California if they act by appropriate resolution, 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 have required 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.

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

*Held at request of author, Assembly Higher Education Committee*

This bill would have required the trustees of the California State University, and would have requested 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 have required 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.

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

*Held at request of author, Assembly Higher Education Committee*

This bill would have defined 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 have required 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 have required 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.

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**AB 534 (Wieckowski)**

**Postsecondary education: institutional and financial assistance information for students**

*Held under submission, Assembly Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have required 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.

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**AB 589 (Fox)**

**Medical education: underrepresented medical specialties**

*Died for lack of a hearing, Assembly Health Committee*

This bill would have established a loan assumption program for physicians working full time in California practicing in underrepresented specialties, as defined. This program would have provided 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 provided 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 have also required that, in any fiscal year, the commission award no more than the number of warrants that were authorized in the Budget Act for that fiscal year for the assumption of loans pursuant to the program. This program would have become inoperative on July 1, 2019, and would have been repealed on January 1, 2020.

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**AB 595 (Gomez)**

**Community colleges: priority enrollment**

*Chapter 704; Statutes of 2013*

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.

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**AB 606 (Williams and Gorell)**

**Hueneme Beach shoreline protection**

*Chapter 408, Statutes of 2013*

As introduced, required 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.*

**AB 938 (Weber)**  
**Public postsecondary education: fees**

*Held at request of author, Assembly Higher Education*

This bill required a campus of the California State University (CSU) that has implemented a student success fee to use its institutional aid to pay the cost of the student success fee for low-income students, as defined.

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

*Chapter 710, Statutes of 2013*

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. The Legislative Analyst's Office is also required, by January 1, 2017, to submit a report on the pilot program to the Legislature, as specified. The intent of the Legislature is 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.

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

*Held under submission, Assembly Appropriations Committee*

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

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

*Held at request of author, Senate Education Committee*

This bill would have essentially established a loan program for community colleges under specified accreditation sanctions. This bill required the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges (CCC) to adopt a revenue funding formula that provided 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.

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

*Held under submission, Senate Appropriations Committee*

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

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

*Held under submission, Senate Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have phased 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.

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

*Vetoed*

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.*

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

*Moved to inactive file, Senate Floor*

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

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

*Held under submission, Senate Appropriations Committee*

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

**AB 1456 (Jones-Sawyer)**  
**Higher education: tuition and fees: study**  
*Died for lack of hearing, Senate Rules Committee*

This bill would have required the California Student Aid Commission and the Legislative Analyst's Office to conduct a study of the effects of enacting legislation to establish a "Pay it Forward, Pay it Back Pilot Program".

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**AB 1538 (Eggman)**  
**Student financial aid: Cal Grant Program**  
*Held under submission, Assembly Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have provided an alternative pathway for an otherwise ineligible institution to maintain eligibility for participation in the Cal Grant program.

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**AB 1677 (Gomez)**  
**Nursing education: service in public hospitals and veterans' facilities**  
*Held under submission, Assembly Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have established a postsecondary education loan assumption program for registered nurses, or those in an accredited nursing program, who agreed to work in specified state or local public health care facilities.

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**AB 1862 (Melendez)**  
**County board of supervisors: vacancy: appointment**  
*Failed passage, Senate Governance and Finance Committee*

As introduced, this bill deleted the July 1, 2019 sunset of the California National Guard (CNG) Education Assistance Award Program (EAAP); extending the CNG EAAP indefinitely.

*On June 15, 2014, AB 1862 was amended out of the jurisdiction of the Assembly Higher Education Committee to address a vacancy on any county board of supervisors.*

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**AB 1976 (Quirk-Silva)**  
**Student financial aid: Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards**  
*Vetoed*

This bill would have required the California Student Aid Commission, beginning in the 2015-16 award year, to award Competitive Cal Grants using data from the three award years immediately preceding an award year to calculate a "take rate" to estimate the number of awards to be granted to achieve a target of 22,500 awards, and then reduces the target number of awards in the subsequent year by the number of awards granted over 22,500.

***Veto Message:*** *The California Student Aid Commission is working within its existing authority to ensure that as many students as possible are claiming competitive Cal Grants without exceeding the 22,500 awards authorized each year.*

*I would like to allow the Commission some time to get it right before enacting a legislative solution that would expand the current program. This bill is premature.*

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**AB 2000 (Gomez)**  
**Public postsecondary education: exemption from nonresident tuition**

*Chapter 675, Statutes of 2014*

Expands eligibility for the exemption from paying nonresident tuition at California's public postsecondary institutions established under the provisions of AB 540 (Firebaugh, Chapter 814, Statutes of 2001) to students who attained credits earned in California from a California high school equivalent to three or more years of full-time high school coursework, and a total of three or more years of attendance in California elementary schools, California secondary schools, or a combination thereof.

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**AB 2103 (Gomez)**  
**Community colleges: student fees**

*Died for lack of hearing, Assembly Higher Education Committee*

This bill would have reduced the fee to \$44 per unit per semester, effective with spring term of the 2015 calendar year.

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**AB 2377 (John A. Pérez)**  
**Student loans: California Student Loan Refinancing Program**

*Chapter 816, Statutes of 2014*

Establishes the California Student Loan Refinancing Program to provide student loan refinancing options to qualified borrowers.

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**AB 2486 (Gomez)**  
**Public postsecondary education: exemption from payment of  
nonresident tuition for victims of certain crimes**

*Held at request of author, Assembly Higher Education Committee*

Existing law provides that students who are victims of trafficking, domestic violence, and other serious crimes who have been granted a specified status under federal law are exempt from paying nonresident tuition at the California State University and the California Community Colleges to the same extent as individuals who are admitted to the United States as refugees under a specified federal law. Existing law requests the University of California to adopt policies that are consistent with those provisions. This bill would have additionally provided that students who have attended a California high school for 3 or more years, and graduated from a California high school or attained the equivalent of high school graduation, are eligible for the waiver of these fees.

**AB 2566 (Weber)**  
**Student financial aid: Cal Grant Program**

*Held under submission, Assembly Appropriations Committee*

This bill, effective 2015-16, would have extended the Cal Grant Entitlement program period of eligibility by one year, allowing an applicant for Cal Grant A and B Entitlement Awards to submit a financial aid application no later than March 2 of the 2<sup>nd</sup> academic year, rather than the 1<sup>st</sup> academic year, after high school graduation.

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

*Resolution Chapter 66, Statutes of 2013*

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.

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

*Adopted*

Reaffirms California's commitment to maintaining college affordability and accessibility as well as public service.

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**HR 49 (Jones-Sawyer)**  
**Pay It Forward, Pay It Back Pilot Program Study**

*Adopted*

Encourages the Legislative Analyst as the lead, and the California Student Aid Commission to conduct a study, as specified, on the effects of enacting a "Pay it Forward, Pay it Back Pilot Program" as an alternative to existing student financial aid programs.

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

*Chapter 576, Statutes of 2013*

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.

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

*Chapter 575, Statutes of 2013*

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

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**SB 174 (de León)**  
**Student financial aid: Cal Grant Program**

*Chapter 363, Statutes of 2014*

Provides for the use of funds from the College Access Tax Credit Fund, proposed to be established by SB 798 (de León, Chapter 367, Statutes of 2014), to be administered by the California Student Aid Commission, for purposes of increasing the amount of the Cal Grant B Access Award.

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

*Chapter 367, Statutes of 2013*

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.

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**SB 284 (de León)**  
**Income taxes: credits: contributions to education funds**

*Vetoed*

For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2014, and before January 1, 2017, this bill would have allowed taxpayers, upon receipt of the California Educational Facilities Authority certification, to receive an income or franchise tax credit for a specified percentage of cash contributions made to the College Access Tax Fund. Unused credits would be used for six subsequent years.

*On June 25, 2013, SB 284 was re-referred to the jurisdiction of the Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee only.*



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

*Vetoed*

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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**SB 384 (Gaines and DeSaulnier)**  
**California Memorial Scholarship Program**

*Chapter 242, Statutes of 2014*

Extends, until July 1, 2016, the deadline for execution of agreements by those eligible to participate in the California Memorial Scholarship Program (CMSP).

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**SB 836 (Corbett)**  
**Brain research: Cal-BRAIN program**

*Held at request of author, Assembly Higher Education Committee*

This bill would have established the California Blueprint for Research to Advance Innovations in Neuroscience Act of 2014 (Cal-BRAIN) and requests the University of California Regents to establish the Cal-BRAIN program.

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**SB 1023 (Liu)**  
**Community colleges: foster youth**

*Chapter 771, Statutes of 2014*

Authorizes the California Community Colleges (CCC) Chancellor's Office to enter into agreements with up to 10 CCC districts to establish the Cooperating Agencies Foster Youth Educational Support program in order to provide additional funds for services in support of postsecondary education for foster youth.

**SB 1028 (Jackson)**  
**Student financial aid: Cal Grant C awards**

*Chapter 692, Statutes of 2014*

Requires the California Student Aid Commission, in selecting students to receive a Cal Grant C award, to give special consideration to students who meet specified criteria, including the employment status of the applicant, giving greater weight to the long term unemployed; requires a Cal Grant C award to be utilized only for occupational or technical training in a course of not less than four months, as specified; and establishes new criteria and processes for identifying areas of occupational and workforce training which qualify for the awards.

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**SB 1210 (Lara)**  
**Postsecondary education: California DREAM Loan Program**

*Chapter 754, Statutes of 2014*

Establishes the California DREAM Loan Program (CDLP) for purposes of extending loans to students who meet the requirements established by AB 540 (Firebaugh, Chapter 814, Statutes of 2001) and have financial need, and authorizes any campus of the University of California and the California State University to participate, as specified. This bill also declares the Legislature's intent that funds be appropriated to participating institutions annually for the CDLP; requires that participating institutions annually contribute discretionary funds as specified, in their CDLP revolving fund; and entitles each participating institution to an administrative cost allowance equal to 5% of the loan funds it awards each year.



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## **Administration & Governance**

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**AB 46 (Pan)**  
**California State University: online education**

*Vetoed*

This bill would have authorized 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 authorized the non-voting student trustee to vote at a Board meeting if the voting student member is absent from the meeting.

***Veto Message:** This bill would require the Trustees of the California State University to provide to the Cal State Academic Senate and campus academic senates, upon request, specific data on students who take any online course offered by Cal State or its contracting entity.*

*The Academic Senate passed a resolution calling the bill unnecessary and citing student privacy and cost issues, among other concerns. I agree.*

*I am aware of the deep concerns that the sponsor of the bill has expressed regarding online courses. These courses, however, could play an important role in helping to reduce the bottleneck that too often prevents students from graduating on time. This is one of the reasons I believe that we should not unduly limit the introduction of online courses in the Cal State system.*

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

*Chapter 327, Statutes of 2013*

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.

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**AB 450 (Jones-Sawyer and Bocanegra)**  
**Postsecondary education: community college trustee areas**  
*Held under submission, Assembly Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have:

- 1) Required the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD), beginning in 2015, to have district governing board members elected by trustee area instead of at-large. The LACCD board is to provide for the establishment of seven trustee areas by July 1, 2014 and hold a public hearing prior to adopting the boundaries of each trustee area.

- 2) Stipulated that the four odd-numbered trustee district representatives shall be elected in June 2015 and the three even-numbered trustee district representatives shall be elected in June 2017.
  - 3) Required the governing board of any community college district to make any proposal for adjusting trustee district boundaries following the decennial census available to the public prior to adopting the boundaries, and to elicit public comment and consider those comments.
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**AB 734 (Mansoor)**  
**University of California: regent meetings: student participation**

*Held at request of author, Assembly Higher Education Committee*

This bill would have encouraged 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 have required the student to be a nonvoting, noncontributing participant at the meetings.

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

*Chapter 188, Statutes of 2013*

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.

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

*Held under submission, Senate Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have established the California Higher Education Authority, its governing board, and its responsibilities, effective July 1, 2014.

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**AB 1433 (Gatto)**  
**Student safety**

*Chapter 798, Statutes of 2014*

Requires the governing board of each public, private and independent postsecondary educational institution, which receives public funds for student financial assistance, to adopt and implement written policies and procedures governing the reporting of specified crimes to law enforcement agencies. Declares urgency, in order to ensure student safety, and would take effect immediately.

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**AB 1544 (Allen)**  
**Student financial aid**

*Died for lack of a hearing, Assembly Higher Education Committee*

This bill would have increased the membership of the Student Aid Commission to 16 by adding an additional representative from public, proprietary, or nonprofit postsecondary schools located in California.

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**AB 1548 (Mullen)**  
**Standardized tests: reports**

*Held under submission, Senate Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have required, until January 1, 2017, any company that administers standardized college admission tests to report annually to the California Postsecondary Education Commission or its successor agency, and the Superintendent of Public Instruction regarding the number of test scores for each type of standardized test that were canceled or invalidated, and the associated reasons for cancellation or invalidation.

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**AB 1557 (Holden)**  
**Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges: student member**

*Chapter 496, Statutes of 2014*

Specifies that members of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges (BOG CCC), to the greatest extent possible, be inclusive and representative of the many demographic groups found in California, and that the BOG CCC reflects diversity of race and gender, and include, among others, disabled persons and veterans. This bill also provides that each member of the BOG CCC to bring his/her own best thinking and personal views to the BOG CCC's discussion.

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**AB 1590 (Wieckowski)**  
**Student financial aid: Cal Grant Program**

*Chapter 667, Statutes of 2014*

Requires the California Student Aid Commission to certify cohort default rate and graduation rate data, for postsecondary educational institutions seeking to participate in the Cal Grant Program, by November 1, instead of October 1, annually. This bill revises federal loan program participation requirements for private Cal Grant qualifying institutions to include participation in the Stafford Loan Program rather than the Perkins Loan Program.

**AB 1668 (Wieckowski)**  
**Education facilities: California Educational Facilities Authority**

*Chapter 154, Statutes of 2014*

Allows the California Educational Financing Authority (CEFA) to accept loan proceeds or issue other evidences of indebtedness necessary to allow for private placement loans. This bill also makes several technical and conforming changes to CEFA's conduit bond.

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**AB 1781 (Linder)**  
**California National Guard Education Assistance Award Program**

*Chapter 207, Statutes of 2014*

Permits a person who receives a California National Guard Education Assistance Award Program grant to use the grant in summer session if the person submits a letter from his/her unit commander that states that the summer session will not adversely impact the person's attendance at mandatory military training, as specified.

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**AB 1942 (Bonta)**  
**Community colleges: accreditation**

*Chapter 382, Statutes of 2014*

Requires the California Community Colleges (CCC) Board of Governors (BOGs), in determining whether a CCC district satisfies minimum conditions, as specified, to review the accreditation status of the CCCs within that district; requires the accrediting commission of the CCC to report to the appropriate subcommittees of the Legislature upon the issuance of a decision that affects the accreditation status of a CCC and, on a biannual basis, any accreditation policy changes that affect the accreditation process or status for a CCC.

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**AB 1969 (Levine)**  
**Postsecondary education: intersegmental coordination in governance**

*Vetoed*

This bill would have required the Chancellor of the California State University and the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, and requests the President of the University of California to coordinate the efforts of their respective segments when procuring systemwide information technology and software for the purposes of enhancing student achievement, as specified.

**Veto Message:** *When viable, the University of California, California State University and California Community Colleges have coordinated on major information technology projects.*

*I prefer to maintain the current flexibility that allows the segments to identify and pursue opportunities for joint projects when it makes programmatic and fiscal sense.*

**AB 2087 (Ammiano)**  
**Community colleges: Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges**  
*Chapter 466, Statutes of 2014*

Requires the regulations that describe the conditions under which the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges (BOG CCC) may appoint a special trustee to manage a CCC district must include specific benchmarks to indicate the presence of local capacity to resume management of the CCC district and clear standards that require meaningful consultation by a special trustee, or his/her designee, with the CCC district prior to decisionmaking.

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**AB 2247 (Williams)**  
**Postsecondary education: accreditation documents**  
*Chapter 388, Statutes of 2014*

Requires all campuses of every public and private postsecondary education institution in California that receives state or federal financial aid funding to make available on the institution's Internet Web site the following accreditation documents: the institution's institutional accreditation visiting team reports and the institutional accreditation agency action letters, as specified.

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**AB 2324 (Williams)**  
**Trustees of the California State University: faculty member of the board**  
*Chapter 340, Statutes of 2014*

Provides that when the two-year term of office on California State University Board of Trustees ends for the appointed faculty member, and the Governor has not appointed a successor member, as specified, the faculty member may remain in office after the term expires for one additional year, or until a successor is appointed by the Governor, whichever occurs first.

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**AB 2721 (Pan)**  
**Trustees of the California State University: nonfaculty employees**

*Vetoed*

AB 2721 would have expanded the membership of the California State University Board of Trustees, by requiring the Governor to appoint to the Board, a permanent non-faculty employee, as specified.

**Veto Message:** *This bill adds an additional member to the California State University Board of Trustees.*

*Since the Board of Trustees was established in 1960, there have only been 4 additions to the Board. The last of these was the addition of the non-voting student member in 1999.*

*I am not persuaded that increasing the membership of the Board beyond 25 is necessary.*

**HR 41 (Ting and Ammiano)**  
**Community College of San Francisco**

*Adopted*

Urges the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges to consider the progress of City College of San Francisco (CCSF) toward achieving compliance with standards and to provide CCSF additional time to continue solving problems while keeping its accreditation intact.

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

*Chapter 175, Statutes of 2013*

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

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

*Chapter 185, Statutes of 2013*

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.

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

*Chapter 217, Statutes of 2013*

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.

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

*Chapter 726, Statutes of 2013*

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.



**SB 1425 (Block)**  
**Community colleges: degree audit system**

*Held under submission, Assembly Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have required the California Community Colleges (CCC) Chancellor to procure a commercially available system(s) for conducting automatic degree audits and requires all community colleges to have the auditing system in place by 2020, as specified.





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## **Budget & Finance**

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### **AB 283 (Bloom)**

#### **Community colleges: property tax revenues**

*Died for lack of a hearing, Assembly Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have intended, 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.

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### **AB 330 (Chau)**

#### **Student financial aid: disclosures**

*Moved to inactive file, Senate Floor*

This bill would have required 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.

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### **AB 977 (Salas)**

#### **Community colleges: career technical education programs**

*Held under submission, Assembly Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have required the California Community Colleges Chancellor to convene a group of experts in career technical education, business, or industry to research ways to address issues related to implementing differential funding for credit-bearing high-cost, high-demand courses and programs at the community colleges, and to report its recommendations to the Legislature by January 1, 2016.

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### **AB 1977 (Roger Hernández)**

#### **Public postsecondary education: Student Academic Preparation and Educational Partnerships**

*Held under submission, Assembly Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have appropriated \$82.2 million from the General Fund for the University of California to allocate, without regard to fiscal year, to Student Academic Preparation and Educational Partnership, including a minimum allocation, in an unspecified amount, to the Puente program.

**AB 2232 (Gray)**  
**University of California: medical education**

*Held under submission, Senate Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have made an annual General Fund appropriation of \$1,225,000 to the University of California (UC) to support the expansion of UC Merced's San Joaquin Valley Program in Medical Education (PRIME). This bill also made legislative findings and declarations relative to health care needs in the San Joaquin Valley, and to the importance of the PRIME program.

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**AB 2235 (Buchanan and Hagman)**  
**Education facilities: Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2014**

*Died for lack of a hearing, Senate Rules Committee*

This bill would have made changes to the existing School Facility Program and authorizes the Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2014 to provide for the issuance of \$4.3 billion in general obligation bonds for construction and modernization of education facilities (to become effective only if approved by voters), and requires its submission to voters at the November 4, 2014, statewide general election.



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## **Building Standards & Contracts**

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**AB 1906 (Wilk)**  
**Community college property: direct costs for use**

*Chapter 233, Statutes of 2014*

Until January 1, 2020, expands the definition of “direct costs,” for purposes of determining the amount a governing board of a California Community College may charge for the use of its facilities or grounds under the Civic Center Act (Act).

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**AB 1953 (Skinner)**  
**Higher Education Energy Efficiency Act: financial assistance**

*Held under submission, Senate Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have required the California Energy Commission to develop a financial assistance program for energy efficiency projects on the University of California and California State University campuses.

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**AB 2152 (Levine)**  
**Public postsecondary education institutions: contracts with federal intelligence agencies**

*Held under submission, Assembly Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have placed limits and conditions on public postsecondary institutions’ contracts with federal intelligence agencies.

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**AB 2445 (Chau)**  
**Community colleges: transportation fees**

*Chapter 63, Statutes 2014*

Clarifies that a California Community College district governing board may enter into, or extend, a contract for transportation services funded by the proceeds of a fee levied upon all students of a campus upon a favorable vote of the majority of the students of that campus.

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**AB 2557 (Pan)**  
**Hospitals: seismic safety**

*Chapter 821, Statutes of 2014*

Permits a hospital located in the Counties of Sacramento, San Mateo, or Santa Barbara or the City of San Jose, that has received an additional extension of the January 1, 2008, seismic safety requirements under specified provisions of existing law to January 1, 2015, to request an additional extension until September 1, 2015, in order to obtain either a certificate of occupancy or a construction final from the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development.





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## **Economic & Workforce Development**

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### **AB 684 (Medina)**

#### **Workforce training: general educational development test preparation: grants**

*Held under submission, Senate Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have added 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.

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### **AB 1271 (Bonta)**

#### **School safety plans: pupil mental health care: violent acts**

*Chapter 794, Statutes of 2014*

As introduced, 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.

*On June 17, 2014, AB 1271 was amended out of the jurisdiction of the Assembly Higher Education Committee to address pupil mental health care.*

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### **AB 2558 (Williams)**

#### **Community colleges: faculty and staff development**

*Chapter 473, Statutes of 2014*

Renames the Community College Faculty and Staff Development Fund to the Community College Professional Development Program and provides that if funds are appropriated for this purpose, all employees, both faculty and staff, are eligible to receive professional development opportunities.

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### **ACR 119 (Muratsuchi)**

#### **Community colleges: career technical education**

*Resolution Chapter 71, Statutes of 2014*

Encourages the Chancellor of the California Community College (CCC) in consultation with affected stakeholders, including, but not limited to, experts in the field of career technical education (CTE), business and industry representatives, faculty, and organized labor representatives to develop at least three options to address the long-term funding needs of CTE and other workforce and training programs at the CCC campuses, in a manner that adequately funds the programs that regions deem valuable to their economies, and to submit those options to the Legislature before April 1, 2015.

**SB 1022 (Huff)**  
**Public postsecondary education: labor market outcome**

*Chapter 394, Statutes of 2014*

Requires the California State University (CSU), and requests the University of California (UC), to post annual updated labor market data regarding their graduates on their Web sites.

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**SB 1196 (Liu)**  
**Public postsecondary education: state goals**

*Held under submission, Assembly Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have established a process for setting postsecondary educational attainment goals and requires that these goals guide the development of plans by the California Community Colleges (CCC), the California State University (CSU), and the University of California (UC) for making progress toward the state's goals, as specified.





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## **General Higher Education**

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### **AB 27 (Medina)**

#### **Vehicles: registration one-trip permits**

##### *Chapter 301, Statutes of 2014*

As introduced, this bill 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.*

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### **AB 423 (Brown)**

#### **Student Tuition Recovery Fund: claims**

##### *Died for lack of a hearing, Assembly Higher Education Committee*

This bill would have provided that a student who uses a Cal Grant or a Pell Grant to pay tuition at a qualifying institution is not thereby made ineligible to apply for payment from the Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF). This bill also provided that, when the application of a student who uses a Cal Grant to pay tuition at a qualifying institution for payment from the STRF is granted, the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education pays that amount to the Student Aid Commission.

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### **AB 586 (Fox)**

#### **Community colleges**

##### *Died for lack of a hearing, Assembly Higher Education Committee*

This bill would have made a nonsubstantive change in the provision that specifies that the California Community Colleges are postsecondary schools that are part of the public school system of the state.

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### **AB 646 (Cooley)**

#### **Public education governance: regional P-20 councils: advisory committee**

##### *Held under submission, Assembly Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have expressed 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.

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

*Held under submission, Senate Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have required 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.

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

*Failed passage, Senate Banking & Financial Institutions Committee*

This bill would have required 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.

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

*Held at request of author, Assembly Higher Education Committee*

This bill would have established 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.

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**AB 1549 (Rendon)**  
**Postsecondary education: sexual assault: audits**

*Died for lack of a hearing, Senate Rules Committee*

This bill would have required the copy of a postsecondary educational institution's policy on sexual harassment to be prominently displayed on the official Internet Web site of the institution.

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**AB 1927 (Frazier)**  
**Student financial aid: debit cards**

*Vetoed*

This bill would have required the California Community College Board of Governors, the California State University Trustees, the University of California Regents and the governing bodies of private nonprofit and for-profit postsecondary educational institutions, as a condition for participating in the

Cal Grant Program to adopt policies, that best serve the needs of the students, when negotiating contracts with banks and other financial institutions to disburse a student's financial aid award, and other refunds onto debit, prepaid, or preloaded cards, and requires the policies to meet specified requirements.

***Veto Message:** Earlier this year, I signed SB 845 (Correa), requiring California's higher education institutions to consult with stakeholders and adopt a model contract that can be used to disburse financial aid or refunds to students on payment cards. Any additional changes to this area of the law are premature.*

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**AB 2160 (Ting)**  
**Cal Grant Program: grade point average**  
*Chapter 679, Statutes of 2014*

Requires a grade point average for all high school seniors at public schools to be submitted to the California Student Aid Commission electronically by a school or school district official.

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**AB 2168 (Campos)**  
**School employees: San Jose Unified School District**  
*Held at request of author, Senate Education Committee*

As introduced, this bill established the California College Campus Discrimination and Violence Prevention Task Force (Task Force); and, required the Task Force, on or before January 1, 2016, to recommend to the Governor and the Legislature steps that can be taken to reduce incidents of discrimination, hate crime, and campus violence on the campuses of the University of California, the California State University, the California Community Colleges, and independent institutions of higher education.

*On June 16, 2014, AB 2168 was amended out of the jurisdiction of the Assembly Higher Education Committee to address employees of the San Jose Unified School District.*

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**AB 2265 (Weber)**  
**California State University: educational opportunity program**  
*Died for lack of a hearing, Assembly Higher Education Committee*

This bill would have required the California State University to provide a direct link to information and application forms for the educational opportunity program approved by the trustees on the online version of the California State University Mentor Application, and to attach an informational brochure for this program to its electronic and printed application forms for undergraduate admission. The bill would have required, when the California State University next revises this mentor application following the bill's enactment, that the revised electronic and printed forms of the mentor application include a description of the educational opportunity program approved by the trustees.

**AB 2654 (Quirk-Silva)**  
**Personal income tax return: disclosure of information:**  
**postsecondary education financial assistance eligibility**

*Died for lack of a hearing, Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee*

This bill would have authorized the Franchise Tax Board to revise the form of the personal income tax return to include a space labeled “Postsecondary Education Financial Assistance Eligibility” to allow a low- or moderate-income person who is the parent or legal guardian of a pupil between 16 and 18 years of age, inclusive, and a low- or moderate-income person between 18 and 25 years of age, inclusive, to designate on the tax return that the board may disclose specified tax information to the commission. If the specified person designated that the board may disclose this tax information, the bill would have authorized the board to release this information to the commission, as specified. The bill would have authorized the commission to use this tax information to determine if a person is potentially eligible for financial assistance under the Cal Grant Program, the federal Pell Grant program, and the Middle Class Scholarship Program, and to notify the potentially eligible person that the person may be eligible for these financial assistance awards, as specified.

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

*Resolution Chapter 23, Statutes of 2013*

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

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

*Resolution Chapter 145, Statutes of 2013*

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.

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

*Moved to inactive file, Assembly Floor*

This bill would have recognized 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 encouraged 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.

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

*Chapter 203, Statutes of 2013*

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.

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

*Chapter 545, Statutes of 2014*

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.

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**SB 682 (Lara)**  
**California State University: student enrollment**

*Died for lack of a hearing, Assembly Higher Education Committee*

This bill would have authorized school districts to provide a digital version of instructional materials to students that may be downloaded onto an electronic device, and allowed students to keep the digital materials beyond the end of the school year, as specified.

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**SB 845 (Correa)**  
**Postsecondary education: electronic disbursement of student financial aid**

*Chapter 120, Statutes of 2014*

Requires the California Community College Board of Governors and the California State University Trustees, and requests the University of California Regents and the governing body of an accredited private post-secondary educational institution, to develop one or more model contracts and all binding contracts, as specified, for use by their respective systems to disburse a financial aid award, scholarship aid, campus-based aid award, or school refunds onto debit cards, prepaid cards or other preloaded cards issued by a financial institution, as specified, and to post model and actual contracts on their respective Internet Web sites.

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**SB 1391 (Hancock and Wyland)**  
**Community colleges: inmate education programs: computation of apportionments**

*Chapter 695, Statutes of 2014*

Allows California Community Colleges to receive full funding for credit-course instruction offered in correctional institutions and seeks to expand the offering of such courses.





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## **Labor Relations & Employment**

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

*Chapter 204, Statutes of 2014*

States 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.

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

*Held at request of author, Assembly Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have:

- 1) For purposes of determining a community college district's compliance with the 50% law, included 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) Authorized 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.

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

*Held under submission, Senate Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have prohibited 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.

**AB 1606 (Chávez)**  
**Community college employee: leaves of absence**

*Chapter 56, Statutes of 2014*

Allows California Community College academic and classified employees to use up to 30 days of leave, as specified, for the purpose of bonding with a new child.

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**AB 1834 (Williams)**  
**Higher Education Employer-Employee Relations Act: employees**

*Held under submission, Senate Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have expanded the definition of employees under the Higher Education Employer-Employee Relations Act to include student employees whose employment is contingent upon their status as students.

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**AB 2070 (Campos)**  
**Community college employees: apprenticeship instructors: qualifications**

*Held at request of author, Assembly Higher Education Committee*

This bill would have provided additional ways for a person to satisfy the minimum qualifications required to serve as an apprenticeship instructor teaching a credit apprenticeship course at a community college.

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**AB 2295 (Ridley-Thomas)**  
**Community colleges: academic employees**

*Chapter 814, Statutes of 2014*

Extends the length of time, from one year to three years, for which California Community College (CCC) faculty are entitled to transfer a leave of absence for illness or injury upon his/her acceptance of election of employment to another school district or CCC district.

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**AB 2350 (Bonilla)**  
**Postsecondary education: Equity in Higher Education Act: prevention of pregnancy discrimination**

*Chapter 637, Statutes of 2014*

Establishes various requirements for postsecondary educational institutions that are intended to prevent pregnancy discrimination, including the prohibition of requiring a graduate student to take a leave of absence, withdraw, or limit the student's studies due to pregnancy related issues, as specified.



**AB 2559 (Eggman)**  
**Community college employees: suspension**

*Held at request of author, Assembly Higher Education Committee*

This bill would have specified that for purposes of Article 4 of the Sections 87660, et seq., of the Education Code, "suspension" includes, but is not limited to, involuntary leave with partial or full compensation during the period of leave.

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**AB 2705 (Williams)**  
**Community colleges: faculty**

*Held under submission, Senate Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have amended various provisions in the Education Code related to the California Community College faculty and changes the references from "part-time" and "temporary" faculty to "contingent" faculty.

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**ACR 95 (Gomez)**  
**California Community Colleges: part-time faculty and classified employees**

*Resolution Chapter 71; Statutes of 2014*

Expresses the intent of the Legislature that California Community College districts not reduce the hours of part-time faculty or part-time classified employees for the purpose of avoiding implementation of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.





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## **Private Postsecondary Education**

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### **AB 634 (Gomez)**

#### **Public records: exception to disclosure: public officials**

##### *Chapter 791, Statutes of 2014*

As introduced, required the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE) to establish regulations to clarify the definition of avocational education for the purpose of the statute that establishes BPPE and its authority.

*On June 10, 2014, AB 634 was amended out of the jurisdiction of the Assembly Higher Education Committee to deal with public records.*

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### **AB 834 (Williams)**

#### **Private postsecondary education: School Performance Fact Sheets**

##### *Chapter 176; Statutes of 2014*

Exempts a law school that meets specified conditions from having to submit a School Performance Fact Sheet to the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education.

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### **SB 1247 (Lieu)**

#### **Private postsecondary education: California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009**

##### *Chapter 840, Statutes of 2014*

Extends the sunset date for the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education, under the California Private Postsecondary Education Act, from January 1, 2015, until January 1, 2017; and provides for statutory changes to the protections provided to students and the requirements placed on private postsecondary educational institutions.





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## **Student Success and Other Student Issues**

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### **AB 832 (Weber)**

#### **Electronic benefits transfer cards: state college campuses**

*Held at request of author, Assembly Human Services Committee*

This bill would have required 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 have also made related legislative findings and declarations.

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### **AB 1025 (Garcia)**

#### **Public postsecondary education: credit by examination**

*Chapter 712, Statutes of 2013*

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.

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### **AB 1146 (Morrell)**

#### **Pupils: concurrent enrollment in secondary school and community college**

*Held under submission, Senate Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have extended, 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.

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### **AB 1358 (Fong)**

#### **Student body association: student representation fee**

*Chapter 714, Statutes of 2013*

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.

**AB 2736 (Committee on Higher Education)**  
**Postsecondary education: California State University**

*Chapter 511, Statutes of 2014*

Authorizes the California State University (CSU) Trustees to fix a voluntary fee, as defined, for voluntary membership in the statewide student organization, and makes several corrections and changes to various provisions of the Education Code affecting CSU.

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**SB 967 (de León and Jackson)**  
**Student safety: sexual assault**

*Chapter 748, Statutes of 2014*

Requires the governing board of each community college district, the Trustees of the California State University, the Regents of the University of California, and the governing boards of independent postsecondary institutions, as specified, to adopt a policy concerning campus sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking that includes specified components and standards.

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**SB 1369 (Block)**  
**Community colleges: Disability Services Program**

*Held under submission, Assembly Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have renamed the provision of services to community college students with disabilities as the Disability Services Program (DSP) and makes several program modifications, as specified.

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**SB 1400 (Hancock)**  
**Community colleges: protective orders**

*Chapter 278, Statutes of 2014*

Authorizes a California Community College district to require a student, whom the district has a protective order against, to apply for reinstatement, as specified.



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## **Veterans**

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**AB 13 (Conway)**  
**Nonresident tuition exemption: veterans**

*Chapter 639, Statutes of 2014*

Requires the California Community Colleges and the California State University, and request the University of California, to update and adopt policies no later than July 1, 2015, regarding tuition rates for eligible veterans and their eligible dependents to ensure conformity to, and compliance with, a specified federal statute and the requirements of existing law.

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

*Held at request of author, Assembly Higher Education Committee*

This bill, commencing with the 2014–15 academic year, would have entitled 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 have required the California Student Aid Commission to make preliminary awards to all applicants currently eligible for an award under the program, and would have required each person who receives a preliminary award to affirm, in writing, that he or she meets specified requirements for eligibility in the program.

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

*Held at request of author, Assembly Higher Education Committee*

This bill would have expanded 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 have requested 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.

**AB 409 (Quirk-Silva)**  
**Political Reform Act of 1974: statements of economic interests: online filing**

*Chapter 643, Statutes of 2013*

As introduced, AB 409 required 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 409 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.*

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

*Held at request of author, Assembly Higher Education Committee*

This bill would have authorized 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.

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

*Died for lack of a hearing, Veterans Affairs Committee*

This bill would have reinstated 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.

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**AB 2099 (Frazier)**  
**Postsecondary education: Title 38 awards**

*Chapter 676, Statutes of 2014*

Establishes minimum student outcome requirements for postsecondary institutions approved by the California State Approving Agency for Veterans Education in order to participate in federal veterans' education benefits.

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

*Chapter 696, Statutes of 2013*

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.





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