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## **Academic Issues**

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### **AB 174 (Gray)**

#### **University of California: medical education**

*Held under submission - Senate Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have appropriated \$1.255 million from the General Fund to the University of California, commencing with the 2016-17 Fiscal Year, to admit up to 12 students per year and operate the program with up to 48 participants from across the four-year curriculum.

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### **AB 404 (Chiu)**

#### **Community colleges: accreditation**

*Chapter 623, Statutes of 2015*

Requires the regional accrediting agency for the California Community Colleges (CCC) to report to the CCC Board of Governors (BOG) as soon as practicable after the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NICIQI) has notified the agency of the date by which their application for continued recognition is due; and, requires the CCC BOG to conduct a survey of the CCC, including faculty and classified personnel, to develop a report to be transmitted to the United States Department of Education and NICIQI that reflects a systemwide evaluation of the agency based on criteria used to determine an accreditor's status.

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### **AB 542 (Wilk)**

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

*Held under submission - Senate Appropriations Committee*

This bill would allow a student attending an early or middle college high school (E/MCHS), who is enrolled in a community college physical education course that is required for the student's E/MCHS program, to not be considered as a special part-time or full-time student for purposes of existing percentage caps for special part-time and full-time students.

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### **AB 889 (Chang)**

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

*Held under submission - Assembly Appropriations Committee*

This would have authorized the governing board of a school district to authorize a pupil to attend a community college during any session or term as a special part-time or full-time student to undertake one or more science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM) courses offered at the community college, if said pupil has exhausted all other opportunities to enroll in an equivalent course at the high school of attendance; and, authorizes the governing board of a community college district to enter into a formal partnership with a school district or school districts located within its immediate

service area to allow high school pupils to enroll in a community college STEM course if they have exhausted all opportunities to attend elsewhere.

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**AB 907 (Burke)**  
**Career training: adult students**

*Held at request of author - Senate Education Committee*

This bill would have authorized the Superintendent of Public Instruction to certify specified career training programs for the purpose of participating in specified federal student financial assistance programs.

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**AB 1112 (Lopez)**  
**Adult education: consortia: parenting education: family literacy education**

*Failed passage - Assembly Higher Education Committee*

This bill would have authorized adult programs, California Community Colleges noncredit courses and classes, and the adult education regional consortia, established pursuant to Education Code Section 84830, to provide family literacy education.

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**AB 1397 (Ting, Bonta)**  
**Community colleges: California Community Colleges Fair Accreditation Act of 2015**

*Moved to inactive file – Senate Floor*

This bill would have established the California Community Colleges (CCCs) Fair Accreditation Act of 2015 and required the accrediting agency for CCCs to meet specified operational standards.

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**AB 1582 (Travis Allen, Harper)**  
**Political Reform Act of 1974: Conflict of Interest Codes:  
public postsecondary educational institutions**

*Held at request of author - Assembly Elections and Redistricting Committee*

This bill would have required that the Conflict of Interest Code of each public postsecondary educational institution require an employee of that institution to disclose any item of value, any royalties, or any other compensation the employee receives as a result of making or influencing a decision to adopt specific course materials required for coursework or instruction. By requiring the revision of Conflict of Interest Codes for community colleges, the bill would have imposed a state-mandated local program.

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**AB 1985 (Williams)**  
**Postsecondary education**  
*Chapter 513, Statutes of 2016*

Requires the California Community Colleges Chancellor, in collaboration with the Academic Senate, to develop a uniform policy regarding credit awarded for Advance Placement examinations.

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**AB 2214 (Harper)**  
**Public postsecondary education: faculty royalty income disclosure**  
*Held under submission - Assembly Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have amended the College Textbook Transparency Act; and, required the California State University Trustees and the governing board of each California Community College district, and request the University of California Regents to require its faculty members to annually disclose, on or before April 15, 2017, and on or before April 15 of each year thereafter, all of the income he or she received in the immediately preceding calendar year from a publisher, periodical, or provider of online content for royalties, advances, consulting services, or for any other purpose.

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**AB 2317 (Mullin)**  
**California State University: Doctor of Audiology degrees**  
*Chapter 267, Statutes of 2016*

Authorizes the California State University to award the Doctor of Audiology degree and establishes constraints on the funding and fees for these degrees.

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**AB 2352 (Rodriguez)**  
**Baccalaureate degree pilot program at Crafton Hills College**  
*Died for lack of a hearing - Assembly Higher Education Committee*

This bill would have authorized the establishment of a 16th baccalaureate degree pilot program at Crafton Hills College if the college resolved any deficiencies identified by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges.

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**AB 2383 (Medina)**  
**Autism Employment and Education Act**

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

This bill would have established the Autism Employment and Education Program, which would establish a residential, occupational, and living skills program at each participating community college and California State University campus to help students with mental disabilities, including autism, live independently, obtain employment, and become otherwise self-sufficient after they graduate or withdraw from the college or university. The bill would have established the Autism Employment and Education Fund in the State Treasury and allocated moneys in the fund, upon appropriation by the

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Legislature, to the board of governors and the trustees for the development, implementation, and administration of the program. The bill would have only become operative upon appropriation by the Legislature for the implementation and administration of the program.

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**AB 2412 (Chang)**

**Community colleges: incentive grant program for completion of industry-recognized credentials**

*Held under submission - Assembly Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have established an incentive grant program for the completion of industry-recognized credentials, as defined, commencing with the 2017-18 academic year.

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**AB 2521 (Cooley)**

**Los Rios Community College Pilot Program to Support Special Needs Students**

*Held under submission - Assembly Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have authorized the Los Rios Community College District to establish the Los Rios Community College Pilot Program to Support Special Needs Students.

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**AB 2600 (Lackey)**

**University of California: California Institute for Aerospace**

*Held under submission - Assembly Appropriations Committee*

This bill requested the University of California Regents to establish the California Institute for Aerospace.

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**AB 2786 (Chávez)**

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

*Held under submission - Assembly Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have required the California State University Trustees, and request the University of California Regents, to offer to eligible students, as specified, an agreement guaranteeing that a student, who meets certain conditions, as specified, may complete a baccalaureate degree within 4 academic years.

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**HR 17 (Kim)**

**Student Enrollment**

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

This resolution called upon Harvard University to end its focus on a student applicant's ethnicity in its student enrollment process and to instead consider the overall individual contribution of each student candidate in a manner that does not have the practical effect of capping the number of Asian American students enrolled in its institution.

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**SB 1006 (Wolk)**  
**Firearm Violence Research Center**

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

This bill would have requested the Regents of the University of California to establish a Firearm Violence Research Center (Center) and administer the Center and a grant program pursuant to, and consistent with, specified principles and goals.

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**SCR 35 (Stone)**  
**Anti-Semitism**

*Chapter 129, Statutes of 2015*

This resolution urges each University of California campus to adopt a resolution condemning all forms of anti-Semitism and racism, including Islamophobia, and declares the Legislature's condemnation of anti-Semitism at all publicly funded schools in the State of California.



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## **Access & Affordability**

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### **AB 25 (Gipson)**

#### **Financial aid: Cal Grant program: renewal**

##### *Chapter 613, Statutes of 2015*

Requires the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) to establish an appeal process for an otherwise qualifying institution that fails to satisfy the three-year cohort default rate and the graduation rate requirements, and authorizes CSAC to grant an appeal for an academic year if the commission has determined the institution has a cohort size of 20 individuals or less and that the cohort is not representative of the overall institutional performance.

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### **AB 42 (Kim)**

#### **Public postsecondary education: funding and mandatory fees**

##### *Held at request of author – Assembly Higher Education Committee*

The bill, from the 2015–16 fiscal year to the 2018–19 fiscal year, inclusive, would have prohibited mandatory systemwide fees or tuition charged to students of the California State University, California Community Colleges and the University of California from exceeding the level of the mandatory systemwide fees or tuition charged to students for the 2014–15 fiscal year.

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### **AB 200 (Alejo, Jones-Sawyer)**

#### **Student financial aid: Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards**

##### *Held at request of author – Senate Education Committee*

This bill would have established the number of Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards to be 22,500 for the 2015-16 academic year, 50,000 for the 2016-17 academic year, 60,000 for the 2017-18 academic year and each year thereafter.

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### **AB 206 (Mark Stone, Medina)**

#### **Student financial aid: California DREAM Work-Study Program**

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

This bill would have established the California DREAM Work-Study Program to be administered by the California Student Aid Commission.

**AB 288 (Holden, Olsen)**  
**Public schools: College and Career Access Pathways partnerships**

*Chapter 618, Statutes of 2015*

Authorizes the governing board of a community college district to enter into a College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP) partnership with the governing board of a school district, in its immediate service area, with the goal of developing seamless pathways from high school to California Community Colleges in order to offer or expand dual enrollment opportunities for students who may not be college bound or who are underrepresented in higher education; and, outlines the conditions that must be met prior to the adoption of the CCAP agreement.

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**AB 352 (Beth Gaines)**  
**University admissions: public postsecondary education**

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

This bill would have prohibited nonresidents, as defined, from constituting more than 3% of the students enrolled at any campus of the California State University in any academic year and would also require the regents, as a condition for receiving state funds for support of the University of California pursuant to the annual Budget Act or another statute, to ensure that no more than 10% of the students enrolled at any campus of the University of California be nonresidents, as defined.

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**AB 586 (Campos)**  
**California Student Opportunity and Access Program**

*Die for lack of a hearing - Assembly Higher Education Committee*

Existing law establishes the Student Opportunity and Access Program, administered by the Student Aid Commission, to distribute funds on a progress payment schedule for projects designated to increase the accessibility of postsecondary educational opportunities for certain groups of elementary and secondary school pupils and, to the extent of available resources, community college students. The program requires the commission to establish a 12-member project grant advisory committee, including one college campus financial aid officer, appointed by the commission, to advise project directors and the commission on the development and operation of the projects.

This bill would have added one additional college campus financial aid officer, appointed by the commission, to the advisory committee.

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**AB 616 (Campos)**  
**Student financial aid: California State Work-Study Program**

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

Existing law establishes the California State Work-Study Program, under the administration of the Student Aid Commission, to provide eligible college and university students with an opportunity to earn money to help defray their educational costs while gaining valuable experience in educationally beneficial or career-related employment. The program requires a participating institution to ensure that

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each work-study position meets specified conditions, including ensuring that no position filled by a work-study student has been occupied by a regular employee during the current or immediately preceding 12 months.

This bill would have changed this time period, regarding a position to be filled by a work-study student, to the current or immediately preceding 6 months.

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**AB 716 (Low)**  
**California State University: special sessions**

*Chapter 252, Statutes of 2015*

Defines "supplanting" for purposes of California State University special sessions (extended education) to mean "reducing the number of state-supported course offerings while increasing the number of self-supporting versions of that course"; requires each campus to ensure any course required as a condition of state-supported undergraduate degree completion to be offered as a state-supported course; and, prohibits a campus from requiring a state-supported student to enroll in an extended education course in order to fulfill a graduation requirement.

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**AB 721 (Medina)**  
**Student financial aid: private student loans**

*Chapter 632, Statutes of 2015*

Establishes requirements on institutions related to disclosure of student loan data and disclosure of information to students seeking private loans.

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**AB 801 (Bloom)**  
**Postsecondary education: Success for Homeless Youth in Higher Education Act**

*Chapter 432, Statutes of 2016*

Requires the extension of priority enrollment, as specified, to homeless youth, as defined, at the California Community Colleges and the California State University and requests that the University of California make this same extension; requires designation of a Homeless and Foster Student Liaison at each Cal Grant participating institution; grants homeless youth enrolling in a public higher education institution residency status, as specified; and adds homeless youth to the categories of youth to be served under existing financial aid programs and services.

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**AB 831 (Bonilla)**  
**Student financial aid: Cal Grant Program**

*Held under submission - Assembly Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have established a formula to determine the amount of Cal Grant awards for students attending nonprofit, private colleges based on the average General Fund subsidy the state provides for financially needy students attending the University of California and California State University.

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**AB 1000 (Weber)**  
**California State University: student success fees**

*Chapter 636, Statutes of 2015*

Establishes various requirements for the implementation and rescission of California State University student success fees.

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**AB 1091 (Eduardo Garcia)**  
**Student financial aid: Cal Grant Program**

*Chapter 637, Statutes of 2015*

Requires the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) to take specified actions to improve information sharing between school districts and CSAC for purposes of determining student Cal Grant eligibility.

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**AB 1224 (Baker)**  
**Postsecondary education: Cal Grant awards.**

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

This bill would have required, for the 2016–17 academic year, and every year thereafter, the commission to cap individual Cal Grant A and B Entitlement awards, California Community College Transfer Entitlement awards, and Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards at a specified amount, and would have authorized the commission to annually adjust that amount to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index, as calculated by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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**AB 1307 (McCarty, Medina)**  
**Working Families Student Fee Transparency and Accountability Act**

*Chapter 642, Statutes of 2015*

Requires the California State University and the University of California to follow specified student fee consultation and notification provisions.

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**AB 1349 (Weber)**  
**Public postsecondary education: California First Act**

*Held under submission - Assembly Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have required the California State University and the University of California to guarantee undergraduate admissions to eligible California students, as specified and defined.

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**AB 1370 (Medina, Beth Gaines)**  
**Public postsecondary education: student residency**  
*Died for lack of a hearing - Senate Education Committee*

This bill would have revised provisions governing the nonresident tuition at the University of California.

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**AB 1449 (Lopez)**  
**Student financial aid: California Community College Transfer Cal Grant Entitlement Program**  
*Chapter 433, Statutes of 2016*

Authorizes a student to meet the California Community College Cal Grant Transfer Entitlement award requirement of high school graduation or equivalency by, if the student has not graduated from high school or equivalency, being a California resident on his or her 18th birthday.

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**AB 1583 (Santiago)**  
**Community colleges: enrollment fee waiver and additional assistance**  
*Failed passage - Senate Education Committee*

This bill would have expanded the California Community College Board of Governors Fee Waiver Program to students with any financial need.

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**AB 1711 (McCarty, Medina)**  
**University of California: nonresident student enrollment**  
*Died for lack of a hearing - Senate Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have required the University of California, in collaboration with the Academic Senate of the University of California, as a condition of receipt of funds appropriated in the annual Budget Act, to ensure that implementation of any admissions policy regarding admission of nonresident undergraduate students included guidance that ensures the academic qualifications for admitted nonresident undergraduate students generally exceeds the academic qualifications of resident undergraduate students, and would have required the University of California to report specified information to the Legislature annually regarding implementation of the policy.

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**AB 1721 (Medina)**  
**Student financial aid: Cal Grant Program**  
*Held under submission - Senate Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have expressed the intent of the Legislature to renew California's commitment to college affordability by increasing the aid available to needy students, and, specifically, broadening access to financial aid to students enrolled in California community colleges.

Under existing law, no more than a total of 25,750 Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards may be

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granted annually. This bill, commencing with the 2016–17 academic year, would have raised that limit to 34,000.

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**AB 1892 (Medina)**  
**Student financial aid: Cal Grant C awards**

*Held under submission - Assembly Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have reformed the Cal Grant C Program to create Cal Grant C Entitlement and Competitive Award programs, administered by the California Student Aid Commission, to provide need-based financial aid to students enrolled in occupational or technical training programs between four months and two years in length.

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**AB 1961 (Baker)**  
**Student financial aid: Ortiz-Pacheco-Poochigian-Vasconcellos Cal Grant Program:  
private nonprofit postsecondary educational institutions**

*Held under submission - Assembly Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have increased the maximum amount of the Cal Grant program for the 2017-18 award year and each award year thereafter for private, nonprofit postsecondary educational institutions from \$8,056 to no less than \$10,000.

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**AB 2064 (Travis Allen)**  
**Public postsecondary education: tuition and mandatory systemwide fees**

*Failed passage –Assembly Higher Education Committee*

This bill would have required the University of California Regents and the California State University Trustees, to determine the amounts of undergraduate tuition and mandatory fees and freeze them at four-year cohorts.

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**AB 2136 (Mayes)**  
**Public postsecondary education: exemption from nonresident tuition**

*Held under submission - Assembly Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have provided nonimmigrant alien students, as specified, who meet outlined criteria, as specified, and are enrolled at the California State University or the California Community Colleges exemptions from nonresident tuition.

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**AB 2154 (Medina)**  
**Student Aid Commission: student members**

*Chapter 457, Statutes of 2016*

Provides changes to the term and benefits to the student members of the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) to provide that upon expiration of a student member of CSAC's two year term, if the Governor has not appointed a successor, the student member may remain in office for one additional year or until the Governor appoints a successor, whichever occurs first; and, in addition to the \$100 daily stipend for attending meetings, for a student member who attends a qualifying institution and is not the recipient of a Cal Grant award, the qualifying institution shall waive the student member's tuition, up to the maximum award amount for that institution, for the duration of the student member's term of office.

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**AB 2164 (O'Donnell, Cooper)**  
**Public postsecondary education: tuition and fees**

*Chapter 435, Statutes of 2016*

Expands an existing exemption from mandatory tuition and fees at the University of California, the Hastings College of Law, the California State University, and the California Community Colleges – for an eligible survivor of a firefighter or law enforcement officer who died in the line of duty – to also include the survivor of a firefighter or law enforcement officer who died as a result of an industrial injury or illness arising out of and in the course of active law enforcement or fire suppression and prevention duties; and, provides, for student survivors receiving the existing waiver, an additional waiver of mandatory campus-based fees.

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**AB 2166 (Cooper)**  
**Public postsecondary education: waiver of mandatory campus-based fees**

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

This bill would have required the University of California (UC) Regents, the Board of Directors of the Hastings College of Law, the California State University (CSU) Trustees, or any campus of the UC or CSU to excuse any mandatory campus-based fees for eligible survivors, as specified, of a firefighter or law enforcement officer, who was killed in the performance of active law enforcement or active fire suppression and prevention duties, or died as a result of an accident or injury caused by external violence or physical force, incurred in the performance of his or her active law enforcement or active fire suppression and prevention duties.

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**AB 2210 (Harper)**  
**California State University: student success fees**

*Failed passage - Assembly Higher Education Committee*

This bill would have required a campus student success fee to be approved by a two-thirds vote of the California State University campus student body voting on the fee.

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**AB 2251 (Mark Stone)**  
**Student loan servicers: licensing and regulation: Student Loan Servicing Act**

*Chapter 824, Statutes of 2016*

Establishes the Student Loan Servicing Act and requires servicers of student loans to get a license from the Department of Business Oversight.

*On March 28, 2016, this bill was amended out of the jurisdiction of the Assembly Higher Education Committee and heard only by the Assembly Business, Professions and Consumer Protection Committee.*

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**AB 2364 (Holden, Gipson)**  
**Public postsecondary education: community colleges: exemption from nonresident tuition**

*Chapter 299, Statutes of 2016*

Requires California Community Colleges (CCC) to exempt from nonresident CCC student fees undocumented high school students concurrently enrolled.

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**AB 2434 (Bonta, Ting)**  
**Postsecondary education: higher education policy**

*Held under submission - Assembly Appropriations Committee*

Establishes the Blue Ribbon Commission on Public Postsecondary Education to make recommendations on improving access and affordability in postsecondary education in California.

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**AB 2750 (Gomez)**  
**Tissue banks**

*Chapter 273, Statutes of 2016*

As introduced, this bill would have deleted the requirement of a total of 3 or more years of attendance in California elementary or secondary schools, or a combination of those schools, as referenced above. The bill would also add the requirement that a student be born after January 1, 1980. The bill would request the Regents of the University of California to enact exemptions from requirements to pay nonresident tuition for its students that are equivalent to those applicable to students of the California Community Colleges and the California State University pursuant to this bill.

*On April 7, 2016, this bill was amended out of the jurisdiction of the Assembly Higher Education Committee to deal with tissue banks.*

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**AB 2758 (Gipson)****Public postsecondary education: exemption from nonresident tuition***Died for lack of a hearing - Assembly Higher Education Committee*

This bill would have exempted a student, other than a nonimmigrant alien, as defined, from paying nonresident tuition at the California State University and the California Community Colleges if that student is currently a California high school student enrolled in a concurrent enrollment or dual enrollment program.

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**AB 2766 (Lopez)****Student Aid Commission***Vetoed*

This bill would have expanded the California Student Aid Commission from two to four student members and required that the University of California, California State University, California Community Colleges, and California private postsecondary educational institutions each have a student representative on the commission.

**Veto Message:** *This bill adds two additional student members to the California Student Aid Commission, bringing the total student membership to four, and the total commission membership to 17.*

*The current participation of the two student members should be sufficient to advancing the interests of students and protecting the public interest.*

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**AB 2787 (Chávez)****Student financial aid: Middle Class Scholarship Program:  
private nonprofit postsecondary educational institutions***Failed passage - Assembly Higher Education Committee*

This bill would have expanded the Middle Class Scholarship Program to include students attending private nonprofit postsecondary educational institutions that participate in the Cal Grant Program, and provided that the maximum award amount would be 40% of the maximum award that the student would have received under the Cal Grant Program.

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**AB 2850 (O'Donnell)****Postsecondary education: Assumption Program of Loans for Education***Died for lack of a hearing - Assembly Higher Education Committee*

Existing law establishes the Assumption Program of Loans for Education, administered by the Student Aid Commission, under which any person enrolled in a participating institution of postsecondary education, or any person who agrees to participate in a teacher trainee or teacher internship program, is eligible to enter into an agreement for loan assumption, to be redeemed pursuant to a prescribed procedure upon becoming employed as a teacher at an eligible school if he or she satisfies certain

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conditions. Existing law defines an “eligible school” for these purposes as a school that has one of 4 characteristics.

This bill would have added to that list of characteristics a school that meets criteria as determined by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, thereby making such schools eligible.

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**SB 15 (Block, De León, Liu)**

**Postsecondary education: financial aid: Graduation Incentive Grant program.**

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

This bill would have statutorily established the Cal Grant award at \$9,084 for recipients attending private postsecondary education institutions accredited by Western Association of Schools and Colleges, increased the number of statutorily authorized competitive Cal Grant awards from 22,500 to 30,000, and established a Graduation Incentive Grant program for undergraduate students at the California State University.

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**SB 62 (Hill, Pavley)**

**Public Utilities Commission: Office of the Safety Advocate**

*Chapter 806, Statutes of 2016*

As introduced, this bill made various programmatic changes to the Assumption Program of Loans for Education.

*On August 30, 2016, SB 62 was amended out of the jurisdiction of the Assembly Higher Education Committee to deal with public utilities*

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**SB 440 (Committee on Education)**

**Postsecondary education: institutions**

*Chapter 259, Statutes of 2015*

Authorizes the withholding of registration privileges from University of California and California State University students who are recipients of the DREAM Loan Program if they have defaulted on their DREAM Loan.

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**SB 605 (Gaines)**

**Community colleges: exemption from nonresident tuition fee:  
Lake Tahoe Community College District**

*Chapter 657, Statutes of 2015*

Exempts persons residing in specified communities in the State of Nevada from paying non-resident tuition fees if they attend the one California Community College within the Lake Tahoe Community College District.

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**SB 906 (Beall)****Public postsecondary education: priority enrollment systems***Chapter 437, Statutes of 2016*

Conforms the definition of "foster youth or former foster youth," for the purposes of priority registration at the University of California, the California State University, and the California Community Colleges (CCC), to existing state higher education program definitions; deletes the sunset on the extension of priority registration to foster youth or former foster youth; and, deletes the sunset on the extension of priority registration to Extended Opportunity Programs and Services students and Disabled Student Programs and Services students at the CCC.

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**SB 1314 (Block)****Cal Grant Program: Middle Class Scholarship Program:  
community college baccalaureate degree program students***Chapter 438, Statutes of 2016*

Provides that California Community College students participating in a baccalaureate degree pilot program are eligible for California financial aid as specified.



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## **Administration & Governance**

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### **AB 176 (Bonta) Data collection**

#### *Vetoed*

This bill would have required the California Community Colleges, the California State University, the University of California, and the California Department of Managed Health Care to disaggregate demographic information for Native Hawaiian, Asian, and Pacific Islander groups.

**Veto Message:** *Assembly Bill 176 would require the Regents of the University of California, the Trustees of the California State University, the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges and the Department of Managed Health Care to collect and report demographic information for Asians, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders by specified ethnic categories after the next census.*

*To be sure, there is value in understanding data on race, ethnicity, gender and other aspects of identity. On a broad level, these demographic data can signal important changes in society. On a practical level, they can help elucidate how our laws and programs can be shaped to reflect a changing population.*

*Despite this utility, I am wary of the ever growing desire to stratify. Dividing people into ethnic or other subcategories may yield more information, but not necessarily greater wisdom about what actions should follow. To focus just on ethnic identity may not be enough.*

*CSU, community colleges, and UC already provide many ways in which to self-identify, including choosing among several ethnic identities. In the case of CSU, there are 50 choices for API applicants alone. Codifying the collection and reporting of at least 12 API groups several years into the future appears unnecessary, or at least premature.*

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### **AB 490 (Alejo, Gatto)**

#### **Community Colleges: Community College Extended Opportunity Programs and Services and the Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education program**

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

This bill would have appropriated for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, \$40,000,000 from an unspecified funding source to the California Community Colleges Board of Governors to be allocated, as specified, for Extended Opportunity Programs and Services and for the administration of the Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education.

**AB 626 (Chiu, Low)**  
**Public contracts: claim resolution**

*Chapter 810, Statutes of 2016*

Requires the California Community Colleges (CCC) Chancellor's Office to convene a group of stakeholders to develop recommendations on funding strategies in order for CCC districts to achieve the statutory goal of 75% full-time to 25% part-time faculty teaching at CCCs.

*On June 8, 2015 this bill was amended out of the jurisdiction of the Assembly Higher Education Committee to deal with public contracts.*

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**AB 653 (Levine)**  
**Postsecondary education: intersegmental coordination in governance**

*Chapter 366, Statutes of 2015*

Expands the means by which a California Community College district may secure contract bids to include posting a notice on its Internet Web site or through an electronic portal; and, clarifies that existing Education Code and Public Contract Code provisions do not preclude the governing board of a community college district from purchasing materials, equipment, supplies, or services under the same conditions as those specified in a contract lawfully awarded by the University of California or the California State University.

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**AB 767 (Santiago)**  
**Community colleges: emergency preparedness standards**

*Chapter 83, Statutes of 2015*

Requires the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office to update the emergency preparedness standards in consultation with the Office of Emergency Services by January 1, 2017.

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**AB 819 (Irwin)**  
**Public postsecondary education: alumni associations**

*Chapter 121, Statutes of 2015*

Removes the sunset date on current law which permits the California State University (CSU), the University of California (UC), and Hastings College of the Law (HCL), to disclose the names, addresses, and e-mail addresses of alumni to their "affinity partners" (nonaffiliated businesses with whom the university has a contractual agreement to, among other things, offer commercial products and services to alumni), subject to specified privacy requirements; and, makes changes to the existing disclosure form that the CSU, UC, and HCL must distribute, as specified.

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**AB 986 (Gipson)**  
**Community Colleges: Compton Community College District: report**

*Died for lack of a hearing - Senate Education Committee*

This bill would have required the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to provide a report to the Legislature regarding Compton Community College District.

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**AB 1385 (Ting)**  
**Community colleges: accreditation**

*Moved to inactive file – Senate Floor*

This bill would have prohibited the accrediting agency for California Community Colleges (CCC) from imposing a special assessment on CCCs for legal fees for any lawsuit, unless there had been an affirmative vote of the majority of the chief executive officers, or their designees, of all of the CCCs.

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**AB 1846 (Lopez)**  
**Adult education consortium program**

*Held under submission - Senate Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have required the California Community Colleges Chancellor and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction's, adult education block grant use of funds report to the Director of Finance, State Board of Education, and the Legislature, to include a summary, based on an assessment by each consortium, regarding the extent to which funds provided to the consortium, as specified, were insufficient to address the demands for adult education within the service area of the consortium.

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**AB 2018 (Ridley-Thomas)**  
**Mandated Child Abuse Reporting Employee Training Act of 2016**

*Held under submission - Senate Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have required annual training for each employee and administrator of a community college district who is a mandated reporter regarding the detection and reporting of child abuse.

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**AB 2056 (Eduardo Garcia)**  
**Cal Grant Program: graduation verification**

*Chapter 351, Statutes of 2016*

This bill requires the California Student Aid Commission, if it requires—as allowed under current law, for purposes of high school graduates meeting the eligibility requirements for a Cal Grant award—that school districts electronically submit verification of high school graduation for grade 12 pupils from the prior academic year, to provide guidance to school districts so the verification is provided as soon as possible after graduation, but no later than August 31 following graduation.

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**AB 2163 (Williams)****California State University: appointment of campus presidents***Died for lack of a hearing – Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee*

This bill would have prohibit the California State University Board of Trustees from appointing a campus president unless that person had participated in at least one public forum on that campus after being formally and publicly designated by the Trustees as a finalist for appointment as president of that campus.

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**AB 2386 (Williams, Cristina Garcia)****Postsecondary education: California State University: trustees***Vetoed*

This bill would have revised the membership of the California State University (CSU) Trustees by requiring the Governor to appoint a permanent nonfaculty CSU employee for a 2-year term.

**Veto Message:** *This bill would require one of my appointments to the California State University (CSU) Board of Trustees to be a permanent non-faculty employee of the CSU, preselected by a newly created systemwide staff council.*

*While the knowledge and perspective of rank-and-file employees should be sought out and considered within the decision-making authority of the board, I am not convinced that constraining the Gubernatorial appointments process is necessary when other alternatives could achieve the same result.*

*I would advise both the Trustees and the Chancellor to find ways to utilize the expertise of non-faculty employees in considering the many issues that come before the board.*

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**AB 2860 (Brown)****Adult education: Adult Education Block Grant Program: appeals board***Held at request of author - Assembly Higher Education Committee*

This bill would have created the Adult Education Block Grant Appeals Board.

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**AB 2908 (Committee on Higher Education)****Postsecondary education: omnibus***Chapter 82, Statutes of 2016*

Makes several changes to the Education Code including the following:

- 1) Reassigns, from the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO), to the University of California (UC) and the California State University (CSU), the reporting requirement to the Legislature on UC and CSU expenditures.
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- 2) Removes the requirement for postsecondary institutions to submit hate violence reports to the LAO; and, specifies that the postsecondary institutions shall still complete reports and post their findings publicly on their respective Internet Web sites.
- 3) Authorizes the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) to require grade point average (GPA) submission no later than October 1 of each academic year.
- 4) Moves the time frame and grade level upon which a school district or charter school shall notify in writing to each pupil, and for a pupil under 18 years of age, his or her parent or guardian, about the GPA submission to CSAC, from October 15 to January 1 and from grade 12 to grade 11.
- 5) Changes the due date for the LAO to report on Cal Grant C from April 1, 2017 to April 1, 2018.
- 6) Changes the due date for the LAO to report on CSU's online courses, as specified, from October 1, 2017 to October 1, 2018.
- 7) Makes clarifying and technical changes to an incorrect cross reference in the EC.

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**SB 42 (Liu)****Postsecondary education: Office of Higher Education Performance and Accountability***Vetoed*

Establishes the Office of Higher Education Performance and Accountability to provide statewide postsecondary education planning and coordination.

**Veto message:** *This bill would establish an Office of Higher Education Performance and Accountability to advise the Governor and Legislature on state goals and priorities for higher education. The bill would also create an advisory board consisting of legislators and others to be appointed by the Legislature to annually review the performance of this office, which would sunset by the end of 2020.*

*The call to improve postsecondary educational outcomes is laudable. The goals established by SB 195 in 2013 - improving access and success, aligning degrees and credentials with the state's economic, workforce and civic needs, and ensuring the effective and efficient use of resources - are still important measures that should guide us in developing higher education policies for the state.*

*While there is much work to be done to improve higher education, I am not convinced we need a new office and an advisory board, especially of the kind this bill proposes, to get the job done.*

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**SB 1038 (Allen)****Community colleges: employees***Chapter 51, Statutes of 2016*

Replaces current mandatory tuberculosis (TB) testing for community college employees with a TB risk assessment developed by the State Department of Public Health and the California Tuberculosis Controllers Association.

**SB 1214 (Allen)**  
**University of California: Best Value Construction Contracting Program**

*Chapter 788, Statutes of 2016*

Extends the sunset on the authority of the University of California to use the best value procurement method at all its campuses and medical centers to January 1, 2018.

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## **B u d g e t & F i n a n c e**

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### **AB 770 (Irwin)**

#### **Community colleges: basic skills innovation program**

*Held under submission - Senate Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have expanded the duties of the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office related to implementation of the Community Colleges Basic Skills and Student Outcomes Transformation Program established in the Budget Act of 2015 trailer bill. These duties are related to determining the level of funding to be awarded to a recipient community college district and advising on the creation of a team of technical assistance providers to assist in the development of required community college plans, as specified.

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### **AB 2215 (Medina, Baker)**

#### **California State Lottery Act: California State University Lottery Education Fund: California State University Trust Fund**

*Chapter 227, Statutes of 2016*

Requires the Board of Trustees of the California State University to deposit funds received from the California State Lottery Education Fund in the California State University Trust Fund instead of the California State University Lottery Education Fund.

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### **SB 376 (Lara)**

#### **Public contracts: University of California**

*Vetoed*

This bill would have required bidders on University of California (UC) contracts for specified types of personal services to certify that their employees' total compensation does not undercut the compensation of UC employees doing comparable work.

**Veto Message:** *Senate Bill 376 seeks to bring wage and benefit parity to the University of California's contracted workers in specific job categories, such as custodial, clerical and food services, and other services associated with the University's medical enterprises. The bill touches several issues - from contracting out service industry work that could be performed by employees, to the pay and working conditions of contracted workers, to the need for more vigorous oversight of contract employers.*

*Without a doubt, these are all serious matters to consider, and they reflect the difficulty in balancing things we commonly value, such as increasing the wages of low-income workers and keeping operational costs down. It's worth noting that the University of California recently responded to criticisms of its wage and contracting practices with a plan to incrementally increase its minimum wage for both employees and contract workers, and a pledge to better oversee contracts generally.*

*The effort to provide increased compensation to those who work for UC - either directly or on a contract basis - is well-intentioned, but I'm not prepared to embrace the provisions of this bill.*

*I would caution the University, however, to provide a transparent accounting of its contracts and clearly demonstrate how the interests of all its lower paid workers are being protected.*

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**SB 574 (Pan)**

**University of California: alternative investment information**

*Held under submission - Assembly Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have required the University of California (UC) to obtain the information required in Government Code Section 6254.26(b) from each private equity fund, venture fund, hedge fund, or absolute return fund in which the UC provides or has provided funds for investment.

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**SB 1412 (Block)**

**California State University: investments**

*Chapter 282, Statutes of 2016*

Authorizes the California State University to invest in mutual funds subject to regulation by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission or in United States registered real estate investment trusts, as specified, and restricts earnings to capital outlay expenditures.

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**SB 1460 (Leno)**

**Community colleges: funding: San Francisco Community College District**

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

This bill would have required the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges to provide the San Francisco Community College District with a revenue adjustment for restoration of apportionment revenue for the three fiscal years subsequent to the last fiscal year that the district received stabilization funding due to its jeopardized accreditation status.

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## **Building Standards & Contracts**

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### **AB 2183 (Gatto)**

#### **California State University: personal service contracts**

##### *Failed passage – Senate Education Committee*

This bill would have established standards for the use of personal services contracts by the California State University Trustees.

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### **SB 959 (Lara)**

#### **University of California: contracts: bidding**

##### *Vetoed*

The bill would have modified the requirements for qualifying as a lowest responsible bidder or best value awardee for contracts for specified types of service contracts at the University of California by requiring a bidder to certify in writing that its employees are compensated at a level that does not undercut, by more than 5%, the average per-employee value of total compensation for UC employees who perform comparable work, as specified; and, beginning January 1, 2018, makes these provisions applicable to any renewal or extension of an existing contract for goods, materials and services involving an expenditure of \$100,000 or more annually.

**Veto Message:** *This bill seeks to bring wage and benefit parity to the University of California's contracted workers in specific job categories, such as custodial, clerical and food services, and other services associated with the University's medical enterprises.*

*Earlier this year, the author requested and the Legislature approved a specific state audit of UC contracting practices and contracted employees. As has been the case with prior audits, this process will likely yield some number of recommendations for change, and it would be prudent to await the recommendations from the State Auditor before embarking on the path prescribed by this bill.*

*While this audit is pending, I would strongly caution the University to keep its spending in check, specifically as it relates to the compensation of its highest wage earners-many of whom already make hundreds of thousands of dollars more in salary and benefits than the average UC employee or its contracted workers in the aforementioned job categories.*

*Continuing to enrich the highest paid workers-and they are workers for the public good-will only undermine UC's essential argument that it can't afford parity policies such as the one contemplated in this bill.*

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## **Campus Climate**

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### **AB 340 (Weber)**

#### **Postsecondary education: campus climate: report**

##### *Vetoed*

This bill would have required the California Community Colleges Board of Governors and the California State University Trustees, and encouraged the University of California Regents, to each generate a report, as specified, pertaining campus climate.

**Veto Message:** *The bill would require the California State University Trustees and the California Community Colleges Board of Governors to submit a report on campus climate every two years, and would request the University of California to do the same.*

*While I understand the desire to create a more vibrant, intellectually serious and inclusive campus environment at UC, CSU and the community colleges, each of their governing boards has already taken steps aimed at achieving these important goals. I believe the leaders of these institutions are committed to providing updates on current and future developments.*

*Codifying a biennial report, as provided in this bill, is not necessary.*

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### **AB 636 (Medina)**

#### **Postsecondary education: student safety**

##### *Chapter 697, Statutes of 2015*

Authorizes, if an institution determines that an alleged assailant represents a serious or ongoing threat to the safety of the campus and the immediate assistance of police is necessary to contact or detain the assailant, the institution to disclose the identity of the alleged assailant to local law enforcement.

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### **AB 913 (Santiago)**

#### **Student safety.**

##### *Chapter 701, Statutes of 2015*

Provides for changes to the written jurisdictional agreements between postsecondary educational institutions and local law enforcement.

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**AB 967 (Williams)**  
**Postsecondary education: sexual assault cases.**

*Vetoed*

This bill would have required the establishment of consistent disciplinary standards and reporting for sexual assault complaints received by California Community College districts, California State University, the University of California and independent postsecondary educational institutions.

**Veto Message:** *This bill would require public and independent postsecondary institutions that receive student financial aid from the state to adopt and implement uniform disciplinary processes for sexual assault and to apply consistent standards for expulsion, suspension, loss of institutional aid or scholarship, loss of privileges and removal from student housing. Additionally, this bill would require annual reporting of data and recommend a minimum period of suspension, or expulsion, for the most egregious violations of sexual assault policies.*

*College campuses must deal with sexual assault fairly and with clear standards of process. It is eminently reasonable to expect that discipline shall not vary based on a student's status as an athlete or a declared area of study. This bill, however, could deprive professionals from using their better judgment to discipline according to relevant circumstances. Moreover, it creates an expectation that the state should recommend minimum penalties for violations of specific campus policies.*

*Last year, I signed Senate Bill 967, making California the first state in the country to define the terms of sexual consent for college students, so that our higher education institutions could better prevent sexual violence on campuses. This year, I signed AB 913 to ensure that existing jurisdictional agreements between postsecondary institutions and local law enforcement include responsibility for investigating sexual assaults and hate crimes.*

*Given these actions, I don't think it is necessary at this point for the state to directly insert itself into the disciplinary and governing processes of all private nonprofit and public colleges in California.*

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**AB 968 (Williams)**  
**Postsecondary education: transcripts**

*Vetoed*

This bill would have required California public and private educational institutions to indicate on student transcripts when a student has been suspended or expelled.

**Veto Message:** *The bill would require all public and private postsecondary educational institutions to note suspension or expulsion on a student's transcript for the period of time the student is ineligible to reenroll at the institution.*

*Colleges currently have the ability to make a notation if a student is suspended or expelled, and community colleges already may deny or conditionally admit a student who has previously been expelled or is under expulsion proceedings. If further protection is needed to screen transfer applications, that is something best left to individual colleges themselves.*

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*Campus safety is a serious issue - one that has received much attention and led to several changes in law and policy. Increased vigilance may still be necessary, but I would caution against overcorrections that could result in some individuals being marked for the rest of their lives.*

*While the desire to provide students with safe campuses is well-intentioned, I am not prepared to support this mandate.*

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**AB 969 (Williams)**  
**Community college districts: removal, suspension, or expulsion**  
*Vetoed*

This bill would have required annual reporting for sexual assault complaints received by California Community College districts, California State University, the University of California and independent postsecondary educational institutions.

**Veto Message:** *This bill would require public and independent postsecondary governing boards to report campus adjudication outcomes of reported sexual assault cases.*

*While this is a relatively common sense measure, the state shouldn't have to mandate follow-up reporting. Governing boards should seek this information on their own, and take actions to mitigate problems at their institutions.*

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**AB 1365 (Baker)**  
**Sexual assault awareness and prevention program**  
*Died for lack of a hearing - Assembly Higher Education Committee*

This bill would have appropriated an unspecified amount from the General Fund to the Trustees of the California State University, and the Regents of the University of California, in order to fund a sexual assault education program at each of their respective campuses or other facilities.

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**AB 1653 (Weber)**  
**Postsecondary education: campus climate**

*Vetoed*

This bill would have required the California Community Colleges Board of Governors, the California State University Trustees, the governing body of each private postsecondary educational institution in the state, and encouraged each University of California campus, to generate a report every two years, as specified, pertaining campus climate.

**Veto Message:** *The bill requires public and independent postsecondary governing boards to generate a report on campus climate and update policies related to compliance with the federal Clery Act every two years.*

*I vetoed AB 340 last year, which is virtually identical to this bill.*

*My views have not changed.*

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**AB 1778 (Quirk)**  
**Postsecondary education: sexual assault and sexual violence training**

*Vetoed*

This bill would have required, commencing January 1, 2018, in order to receive state funds for student financial assistance, the governing boards of the community colleges, the California State University Trustees, the University of California Regents, and the governing boards of independent postsecondary institutions to conduct annual training of their employees on the employee's obligations in responding to and reporting incidents of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking involving students, and provided that this training shall satisfy the annual training requirement for the employee.

**Veto Message:** *In 2014, I signed Senate Bill 967, making California the first state in the country to define the terms of sexual consent for college students. The bill also required all public and independent postsecondary institutions to adopt "detailed and victim-centered policies and protocols for sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking."*

*AB 1778 attempts to build on this law by requiring public and independent postsecondary institutions to conduct annual training for all employees on their obligations relative to student reports of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking.*

*College campuses are already required to have clear policies and procedures to deal with these reports. The state, in this case, should not have to additionally mandate an annual training schedule for all college employees.*

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**AB 1888 (Low)**  
**Cal Grants: nondiscrimination**

*Held under submission - Assembly Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have prohibited an institution participating in the Cal Grant Program from discriminating against a student or employee on the basis of a protected class.

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**AB 2506 (Thurmond)**  
**Student financial aid: Chafee grant awards**

*Chapter 388, Statutes of 2016*

Requires, commencing with the 2017-18 academic year, the California Student Aid Commission to ensure that postsecondary institutions meet eligibility requirements consistent with the Cal Grant Program in order to participate in the Chafee Educational and Training Voucher Program.

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**AB 2520 (Rodriguez)**  
**Student financial aid: Student Aid Commission**

*Held under submission - Assembly Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have required the California Student Aid Commission to submit a report to the Legislature and the Governor by the 2017-18 academic year on measures to increase student participation in state and federal financial aid programs.

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**AB 2654 (Bonilla)**  
**Postsecondary education: Equity in Higher Education Act**

*Chapter 107, Statutes of 2016*

Requires each postsecondary educational institution in the State of California to include in its written policy on sexual harassment information on the complaint process and the timeline for the complaint process, and make the policy available on its website.

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**SB 1146 (Lara)**  
**Postsecondary education: nondiscrimination**

*Chapter 888, Statutes of 2016*

Requires a postsecondary educational institution (institution) that claims a religious exemption from federal Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 or the California Equity in Higher Education Act to make specified disclosures to students, faculty, employees and to the California Student Aid Commission.

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**SB 1439 (Block)**  
**Postsecondary education: academic and administrative employees:  
disclosure of sexual harassment**

*Vetoed*

This bill would have required the University of California, the California State University and the California Community Colleges to require applicants for employment, as specified, to disclose information regarding final administrative findings of sexual harassment.

**Veto Message:** *Under the bill, public postsecondary governing boards must require qualified applicants seeking an academic or administrative appointment to disclose prior adverse judgements of sexual harassment during the hiring process.*

*While I understand the desire to mitigate risk, governing boards-who are the fiduciaries of these institutions-should be responsible for setting hiring standards, including the disclosure of prior bad conduct.*

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## **Economic & Workforce Development**

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**AB 1150 (Levine)**  
**Energy: University of California partnership**

*Chapter 597, Statutes of 2015*

Requires the University of California (UC) and the California State University (CSU), in consultation with the California Energy Commission (CEC) and the Public Utilities Commission, to expand their existing institutional partnership with investor-owned utilities and to include those publicly-owned utilities requested by the CEC to participate and who choose to participate. The bill also requires UC and CSU to report to the applicable utilities the annual reduction in emissions of greenhouse gases as a result of projects undertaken under the expanded partnership.

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**AB 1260 (Thurmond)**  
**Joint Exercise of Powers Act**

*Held at request of author - Senate Education Committee*

This bill would have authorized the University of California to enter into a joint powers agreement with the City of Richmond, or an enhanced infrastructure financing district created by the City for purposes of financing infrastructure for the Berkeley Global Campus, if certain circumstances were met.

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**AB 2156 (Levine)**  
**Public postsecondary education: higher education regional workforce coordination**

*Held under submission - Assembly Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have required the California State University, and requested the University of California, to participate in regional conversations pursuant to the Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

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**AB 2664 (Irwin)**  
**University of California: innovation and entrepreneurship expansion**

*Chapter 862, Statutes of 2016*

Requires the University of California to make one-time expenditures on activities, using the \$22 million General Fund provided in the Budget Act of 2016, to expand or accelerate economic development in the state in ways that support innovation and entrepreneurship.

**SB 66 (Leyva, McGuire)**  
**Career technical education**

*Chapter 770, Statutes of 2016*

Specifies that the performance accountability outcome measures implemented by the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges (CCC) for the Economic and Workforce Development program should align with the outcome measures for the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and authorizes the Department of Consumer Affairs to make specified licensure information available to the chancellor for purposes of evaluating outcomes for students who participate in CCC career technical education programs.

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## **General Higher Education**

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**AB 38 (Eggman)**  
**Mental health: Early Diagnosis and Preventive Treatment Program**

*Chapter 547, Statutes of 2016*

As introduced, this bill would require the Legislative Analyst's Office to conduct an initial analysis to assess the need for a new campus of the California State University.

*On May 18, 2015, AB 38 was amended out of the jurisdiction of the Assembly Higher Education Committee to establish a mental health program.*

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**AB 147 (Dababneh)**  
**Postsecondary education: animal research**

*Chapter 551, Statutes of 2015*

Requires any public postsecondary educational institution, or independent institution of higher education as defined, that confines dogs or cats for science or research purposes and intends to destroy the dog or cat used for those purposes, to first offer the dog or cat to an animal adoption or rescue organization, as defined.

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**AB 458 (O'Donnell)**  
**Postsecondary education: instructional strategies**

*Held under submission - Assembly Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have requested the California Subject Matters Project housed within the University of California to conduct a feasibility study to determine the appropriate grade level and subject area and potential cost for a pilot program to develop standards-aligned content and instructional software for use on portable electronic devices.

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**AB 677 (Dodd)**  
**School safety: door locks**

*Held under submission - Assembly Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have required K-12 and higher education institutions to equip the doors of every classroom with locks that allow the doors to be locked from the inside.

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**AB 798 (Bonilla)**  
**College Textbook Affordability Act of 2015**

*Chapter 633, Statutes of 2015*

Establishes, until July 1, 2020, a state grant program to incentivize increased adoption of open source educational resources at campuses of the California Community Colleges, and the California State University.

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**AB 1433 (Gray)**  
**Higher education facilities: Recommitment to Higher Education Bond Act of 2016**

*Held under submission - Assembly Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have enacted the Recommitment to Higher Education Bond Act of 2016 to authorize an unspecified amount of state general obligation bonds, as scheduled, to provide aid to the California Community Colleges, the University of California, the Hastings College of the Law, and the California State University to construct and modernize education facilities.

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**AB 1474 (Chávez)**  
**Community colleges: Community College Career Technical Education Bond Act**

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

This bill would have enacted the Community College Career Technical Education Bond Act, which, if adopted by the voters at the November 8, 2016, statewide general election, would have authorized the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$500,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a community college career technical education bond program.

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**AB 1483 (Gatto)**  
**University of California: Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics Campus**

*Held under submission - Assembly Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have required the Legislative Analyst's Office to conduct a study of, and report to the Legislature on, the feasibility of establishing a campus of the University of California (UC) devoted to science, technology, engineer, arts, and mathematics (STEAM); and, allocated \$50,000,000 from the General Fund to the UC Regents for the establishment of, and acquisition of land for a UC STEAM campus.

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**AB 1726 (Bonta)**  
**Data collection**

*Chapter 607, Statutes of 2016*

Requires, on or after July 1, 2022, to the extent funding is specifically appropriated for this purpose, the Department of Public Health, when collecting demographic data on ancestry or ethnic origin of persons for a report that includes rates for major diseases, leading causes of death per demographic,

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subcategories for leading causes of death in California overall, pregnancy rate, or housing number, to disaggregate those data for specified Native Hawaiian and other Asian and Pacific Islander groups.

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**AB 1823 (Bonilla)**  
**California Cancer Clinical Trials Program**

*Chapter 661, Statutes of 2016*

Requests the University of California (UC) to establish and designate an institute or office with the authority to solicit and receive funds from business, industry, foundations, and other private and federal sources for the purpose of administering the Cancer Clinical Trials Program (the program) to increase patient access to cancer clinical trials. Establishes a five-member board to administer the program. Authorizes the UC to use its own state source funds for oversight and administration of the program relating to the initial start-up costs of the program only, provided the UC is reimbursed from federal and private sources funds. Requires the program, on receipt of funds totaling \$500,000, to establish the Cancer Clinical Trials Grant Program to increase patient access to cancer clinical trials in underserved or disadvantaged communities and populations. Limits administrative expenses to 20% of funds that are made available, but authorizes the use of more than 20% for the first year of the program. Allows UC to discontinue the program for various reasons.

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**AB 1837 (Low, Eggman)**  
**Postsecondary education: Office of Higher Education Performance and Accountability**

*Held under submission - Senate Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have established the Office of Higher Education Performance and Accountability to provide statewide postsecondary education planning and coordination.

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**AB 1914 (Bonilla)**  
**Public postsecondary education: academic materials: textbooks: access codes**

*Chapter 261, Statutes of 2016*

Requires the academic senates of campuses of the California State University (CSU) and requests the academic senates of campuses of the University of California to develop policies regarding instructional materials to encourage efforts to reduce redundancy in the delivery of materials, and requires campuses of the CSU to review and adopt those policies.

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**AB 2069 (Medina)**  
**Seymour-Campbell Student Success Act of 2012**

*Vetoed*

This bill would have expanded the metrics to be annually reported by each community college district in order to evaluate the effectiveness of matriculation services at the California Community Colleges to include the ratio of paid part-time faculty hours.

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**Veto Message:** *This bill requires each community college district to publicly post the total number of part-time faculty office hours paid divided by the total number of part-time faculty office hours that are taught.*

*The state recognizes the many contributions part-time faculty make in students' lives. The 2016-17 budget increased payment for part-time faculty office hours by almost \$3.7 million, bringing the total state investment to \$7.2 million. In 2015-16, we created more opportunities for part-time faculty to become full-time faculty by providing \$62.3 million for the hiring of new full-time faculty.*

*Although the bill's language is simple, gathering and reporting this information still has a real cost—about 10 percent of the entire allocation of funding for part-time office hours.*

*We would do better to spend the money on more office hours.*

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**AB 2137 (Santiago)**

**Postsecondary education: University of California: student transfers**

*Chapter 226, Statutes of 2016*

Requests the University of California (UC) Regents to submit an annual report, on or before March 1 in each year from 2017 to 2022, inclusive, relating to California Community Colleges students' transfers to the UC.

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**AB 2302 (Harper)**

**University of California: labor institute**

*Failed passage - Assembly Higher Education Committee*

This bill would have urged the University of California (UC) Regents to refrain from forming a labor institute at UC Irvine.

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**AB 2308 (Roger Hernández)**

**Health care coverage: enrollment assistance**

*Chapter 570, Statutes of 2016*

Extends, from January 1, 2019 to January 1, 2021, the sunset date in existing law that requires public schools to provide parents or legal guardians with information regarding health care coverage options and assistance; and, requires the California State University and the California Community Colleges to provide specified information regarding insurance affordability programs, including how to apply for Medi-Cal and Covered California.

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**AB 2419 (Jones)****Public postsecondary education: The New University of California***Failed passage - Assembly Higher Education Committee*

This bill would have established the New University of California as a segment of public higher education to provide college credit and baccalaureate and associate degrees to any person capable of passing appropriate examinations.

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**ACR 158 (Holden)****Postsecondary education: transfers***Chapter 142, Statutes of 2016*

Encourages the Academic Senates of the University of California (UC), the California State University (CSU), and the California Community Colleges (CCC) to expedite their current efforts to streamline the transfer process and ensure that all general education credits can transfer between the UC, CSU, and the CCC systems.

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**SB 412 (Glazer, De León)****The California Promise***Chapter 436, Statutes of 2016*

Establishes the California Promise to support students who enroll in the campuses of the California State University as freshmen in obtaining baccalaureate degrees within four academic years, and as transfer students within two academic years, as applicable.

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**SB 425 (Hernandez)****City of El Monte: maintenance of effort: streets and roads allocations***Chapter 532, Statutes of 2016*

As introduced, this bill, an urgency measure, authorized the Superintendent of Public Instruction, for purposes of participation in Title IV authorized federal student financial assistance programs, to: (1) certify by name, a regional occupational center and program, or a county office of education or an adult school; (2) adopt regulations that authorize a complaint process under the Uniform Complaint Procedures outlined in specified regulations; and (3) decertify any program no longer in compliance with specified federal regulations.

*On August 17, 2015, the bill was amended out of the jurisdiction of the Assembly Higher Education Committee to deal with transportation.*

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**SB 1359 (Block)**  
**Public postsecondary education: course materials**

*Chapter 343, Statutes of 2016*

Requires, effective January 1, 2018, each campus of the California Community Colleges and the California State University, and requests, effective January 1, 2018, each campus of the University of California, to clearly highlight the courses that use digital course materials that are free of charge and have a low-cost option for printed versions.

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## **Labor Relations & Employment**

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**AB 837 (Roger Hernández)  
University of California: employee salaries and other information**

*Held under submission - Assembly Appropriations Committee*

This bill would prohibit the University of California from paying any employees or officers a salary in excess of \$500,000 in any fiscal year and required reporting regarding employee salaries.

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**AB 1010 (Medina)  
Community colleges: part-time, temporary employees**

*Held under submission - Senate Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have required all community college districts to have collective bargaining agreements with part-time faculty that include specified conditions of employment.

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**AB 1066 (Gonzalez, Bonta, Cristina Garcia,  
Roger Hernández, Jones-Sawyer, McCarty, Thurmond)  
Classified employees: nonemployee contractors: limited-term, short-term, and substitute employees**

*Chapter 313, Statutes of 2016*

Revises the definition of "short-term employee" to require the position not to continue on a year-after-year basis in a school district or community college.

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**AB 1317 (Salas)  
Public postsecondary education: executive officer compensation**

*Died for lack of hearing - Senate Rules Committee*

This bill would have established requirements regarding executive compensation increases at the University of California.

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**AB 1690 (Medina)  
Community colleges: part-time, temporary employees**

*Chapter 877, Statutes of 2016*

Requires all community college districts to have collective bargaining agreements with part-time faculty that include specified conditions of employment.

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**AB 2019 (Santiago)****Public employment: California State University employees: salary adjustments***Held under submission - Assembly Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have established the policy of the state to provide step increases for academic employees of the California State University.

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**AB 2294 (Gomez)****The California State University: employees: leaves of absence without loss of compensation***Chapter 569, Statutes of 2016*

Requires the California State University (CSU) to grant an employee a leave of absence to serve as an elected officer of any CSU campus public employee organization.

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**SB 686 (Pan)****Public postsecondary education: Higher Education Employer-Employee Relations Act***Vetoed*

This bill would have provided full collective bargaining rights pursuant to the Higher Education Employer-Employee Relations Act to supervisory employees employed as sworn peace officers by the University of California or the Hastings College of the Law.

**Veto Message:** *This bill provides full collective bargaining rights under the Higher Education Employer-Employee Relations Act to University of California and Hastings College of the Law supervisory peace officers.*

*I vetoed a similar bill, SB 765, in 2013, out of a concern that it blurred the line between labor and management. Nothing has changed.*

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**SB 1379 (Mendoza)****Community colleges: part-time, temporary employees***Chapter 891, Statutes of 2016*

Provides for amendments to AB 1690 (Medina), currently pending on the Governor's desk, which requires California Community College districts to have collective bargaining agreements with part-time faculty that include specified conditions of employment.

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## **Private Postsecondary Education**

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**AB 509 (Perea)**  
**California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009: exemptions**

*Chapter 558, Statutes of 2015*

Exempts from the California Private Postsecondary Education Act and related oversight by the Bureau of Private Postsecondary Education a bona fide organization, association, or council that offers preapprenticeship training programs, on behalf of one or more Division of Apprenticeship Standards-approved labor-management apprenticeship programs, provided that the entity meets the requirements for the Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL) and has not been removed from the ETPL for failure to meet performance standards.

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**AB 573 (Medina, McCarty)**  
**Higher education: campus closures: Corinthian Colleges**

*Vetoed*

This bill would have provided financial and other assistance to students of Heald, Everest, and WyoTech campuses in California, which were owned by Corinthian Colleges, Inc. and closed unlawfully on April 27, 2015.

**Veto Message:** *Assembly Bill 573 would extend Cal Grant eligibility for former students of Heald College and create a grant program within the Attorney General's office to fund nonprofit organizations providing free legal services to former students of Corinthian Colleges.*

*I am sympathetic to the many students who were enrolled at Corinthian Colleges when the company abruptly shuttered its doors earlier this year. I signed SB 150, which prevents students whose loans have been discharged from being penalized a second time with a significant tax bill on the value of the loan discharge, which they can ill afford to pay.*

*The U.S. Department of Education has taken the matter of loan discharge seriously. In recent months, it has greatly eased the burden of filings for many students, and its work to provide a simple, swift and fair process for students continues. As such, it appears premature to create an attorney grant program, especially one that provides little direction on how funds should be used.*

*While the bill's provisions to extend Cal Grant eligibility for Heald students are well-intentioned, I am not comfortable creating new General Fund costs outside of the budget process, particularly given the Cal Grant augmentations already included in this year's budget. For these reasons, I am returning this bill without my signature.*

**AB 752 (Salas)****Private postsecondary education: California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009.***Chapter 560, Statutes of 2015*

Requires, if the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education publishes a list of relevant occupational ability-to-benefit examinations and passing scores, the list shall include the Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment System examination.

**AB 1835 (Holden)****California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009:  
minimum operating standards: exemptions***Vetoed*

This bill would have provided an exemption for five years from minimum operating standards and accreditation requirements for approval by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education, to institutions that grant doctoral degrees in psychoanalysis, if all of the institution's students hold master's or doctoral degrees before they enroll in the institution and if all of the institution's students, other than research students regulated by the Medical Board of California, hold a valid professional license authorizing the individual to practice psychotherapy.

**Veto Message:** *This bill exempts institutions that award doctoral degrees in psychoanalysis from the requirement to be accredited by a U.S. Department of Education-recognized accreditor.*

*I am not convinced that conferring special treatment on this one subset of professionals is warranted, when other means exist to comply with state law.*

**AB 1916 (Irwin)****Private postsecondary education: school closure bonds***Failed passage – Assembly Business and Professions Committee*

This bill would have required private postsecondary educational institutions to maintain a surety bond, filed with the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education to provide reimbursement to students in the case of school closure.

**AB 1996 (Gordon)****Private postsecondary education: exemptions***Vetoed*

This bill would have provided an exemption from the California Private Postsecondary Education Act, including exemption from oversight and student protections provided by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education, for an institution that meets specified requirements.

**Veto Message:** *This bill exempts a nonprofit institution that meets specific, narrow criteria from the requirements of the California Private Postsecondary Education Act.*

*While I understand the desire to escape from the burdens of regulation, conferring this new, exclusive statutory exemption on a single qualifying nonprofit lacks fairness.*

*Hundreds of private postsecondary providers on the state's Eligible Provider Training List have gained the necessary approval from the state to operate. Many have revenues under \$5 million and also have nonprofit status.*

*Rather than supporting this one-provider exemption, I will direct the relevant departments and agencies to work together to consider whether further exemption from portions of the Act or the Act itself are warranted for this class of private postsecondary providers.*

**AB 2581 (Medina)**

**Higher education: campus closures: Corinthian Colleges, Inc.**

*Died for lack of a hearing – Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee*

This bill would have provided financial and other assistance to students of Heald, Everest, and WyoTech campuses in California, which were owned by Corinthian Colleges, Inc. and closed unlawfully on April 27, 2015.

**AB 2652 (Eggman)**

**California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009: applicability**

*Died for lack of a hearing - Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee*

This bill would have required a private distance education provider to register with the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education and participate in the Student Tuition Recovery Fund.

**SB 344 (Monning)**

**Commercial driver's license: education**

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

This bill would have prohibited, effective January 1, 2018, an institution offering commercial driver's license training courses from claiming an exemption from the licensure and oversight by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education, and required, effective January 1, 2018, persons issued a commercial driver's license to have attended a Department of Motor Vehicles certified instruction course.

**SB 410 (Beall)**

**California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009**

*Chapter 258, Statutes of 2015*

Redefines "graduates" for purposes of private postsecondary educational institutions (institutions) calculating the employment rates of graduates.

**SB 1192 (Hill)**

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

*Chapter 593, Statutes of 2016*

Extends the sunset date and provides for various changes to the California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009 (Act) and the oversight of the Act provided by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education.

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## **Student Success & Other Student Issues**

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### **AB 456 (Patterson)**

**Public postsecondary education: University of California: California State University: electronic textbooks**

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

This bill would have required the California State University, and requested the University of California, to offer discounted electronic textbook rentals to their students for each textbook assigned in a course, if the content of the electronic and printed versions of the textbook are the same.

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### **AB 735 (Ridley-Thomas)**

**Postsecondary education: Student Athlete Bill of Rights**

*Chapter 220, Statutes of 2016*

The Student Athlete Bill of Rights provides for the protection of athletic scholarships for student athletes and requires certain institutions of higher education to pay the premiums for specified student athletes for insurance claims resulting from their participation in those institutions' athletic programs. Existing law repeals the provisions granting these rights to student athletes on January 1, 2021.

This bill eliminates the sunset of the Student Athlete Bill of Rights thereby extending the operation of these rights for student athletes indefinitely.

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### **AB 1016 (Santiago)**

**Public postsecondary education: Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act**

*Chapter 437, Statutes of 2015*

Requires the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office to report to the Legislature, on or before December 1, 2016, the status of each community college's compliance with the Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act's provision related to creating associate degrees for transfer; requires the California State University (CSU) to submit two reports to the Legislature, as specified, on campus acceptance of transfer model curricula by concentration; and, requires the CSU to publicly post available data on associate degree for transfer students as specified.

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### **AB 1145 (Medina)**

**Pupils: Early Commitment to College program**

*Held at request of author - Senate Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have required the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, on or before November 1, 2016, to submit specified data from the California Department of Education on the Early Commitment

to College Program to the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO); and, required the LAO to submit a report on said data to the Legislature, on or before November 1, 2017.

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**AB 1212 (Grove)**  
**Postsecondary education: Student Freedom of Association Act**

*Failed passage - Assembly Higher Education Committee*

This bill would have established the Student Freedom of Association Act, which would require, as a condition of receiving state funds for student financial assistance, the governing board of each community college district, the Trustees of the California State University, and the Board of Regents of the University of California to adopt a policy prohibiting their respective campuses from discriminating against a student organization, as specified, for imposing certain requirements on its leaders or voting members. The bill would have authorized a student or a student organization aggrieved by a violation of these provisions to commence a civil action to obtain appropriate injunctive and declaratory relief as determined by a court. The bill would also have authorized a court to award attorney's fees to a prevailing plaintiff in a civil action pursuant to these provisions.

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**AB 1228 (Gipson, Atkins)**  
**Public postsecondary education: campus housing: priority for homeless youth**

*Chapter 571, Statutes of 2015*

Extends priority for housing at the University of California, the California State University, and the California Community Colleges to homeless youth, and requests campuses to develop plans to ensure that homeless and foster youth have housing during breaks.

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**AB 1366 (Lopez)**  
**Public postsecondary education: Dream Resource Centers**

*Moved to inactive file – Senate Floor*

This bill would have encouraged schools that maintain grades 9 through 12, the California Community Colleges and the California State University and the University of California to designate a Dream Resource Liaison on each of their campuses and authorizes the governing boards of the segments to accept private funds to establish and operate centers.

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**AB 1594 (McCarty)**  
**Public postsecondary education: prohibition of using tobacco and smoking on campuses**

*Vetoed*

This bill would have prohibited, beginning January 1, 2018, smoking or the use of tobacco products on a campus of the California State University or the California Community Colleges.

**Veto Message:** *This bill prohibits smoking and tobacco products at California State University and community college campuses and encourages the University of California to adopt these same*

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*prohibitions.*

*The governing boards of our public colleges and universities already have the authority and are fully capable of setting smoking policies on their campuses.*

*Current law should suffice.*

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**AB 1741 (Rodriguez, O'Donnell)**  
**California College Promise Innovation Grant Program**

*Chapter 434, Statutes of 2016*

Establishes the California College Promise Innovation Grant Program (Program) to be administered by the California Community Colleges (CCC) Chancellor's Office until January 1, 2021. The Program would support CCC in establishing or expanding regional programs to address college preparedness, attendance, and graduation in partnership with school districts and public postsecondary universities in California.

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**AB 1747 (Weber)**  
**Food assistance: higher education students**

*Chapter 290, Statutes of 2016*

Requires a public or private postsecondary education institution located in a county that participates in the Restaurant Meals Program to increase access to and provide information about the program, as specified. Requires the Department of Social Services to act as the state entity for receipt of federal reimbursement on behalf of an organization, institution, or agency that secures funds for CalFresh outreach activities, as specified. Creates the Public Higher Education Pantry Assistance Program Account in the Emergency Food Assistance Program Fund and allocates account funds, as specified.

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**AB 1995 (Williams, Gonzalez)**  
**Community colleges: homeless students: access to shower facilities**

*Chapter 407, Statutes of 2016*

Requires campuses of the California Community Colleges to grant enrolled homeless students access and usage of campus shower facilities.

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**AB 2009 (Lopez)**  
**Student support services: Dream Resource Liaisons**

*Vetoed*

This bill would have required the California Community Colleges and the California State University, and requested the University of California, to create Dream Resource Liaisons and Centers on each campus, as specified; and, authorized the governing boards of the segments to accept private funds to establish and operate the centers.

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**Veto Message:** *The bill requires public colleges and universities to have a staff member who is knowledgeable about financial aid and academic opportunities for undocumented students and also encourages the creation of resource centers for these students.*

*The state has long recognized that dreamers should pay resident tuition at public colleges and universities and also be eligible to receive financial aid. At this stage, all of our higher education institutions ought to be well-versed in the rights and opportunities available to undocumented students.*

*Rather than reinforcing state law with an additional law, I am calling upon University of California President Janet Napolitano and California State University President Tim White to ensure that relevant campus personnel can ably fulfill these duties, and I will request incoming California Community Colleges Chancellor Eloy Oakley to help our 113 community college campuses do the same.*

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**AB 2017 (McCarty)**  
**College Mental Health Services Program**

*Vetoed*

This bill would have established the College Mental Health Services Program Act, which creates a grant program for public community colleges, colleges, and universities to improve access to mental health services and early identification or intervention programs.

**Veto Message:** *This bill requires the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission to establish a grant program for mental health services at public colleges and universities, subject to a future appropriation.*

*While well-intentioned, the bill is premature as it commits to a particular program structure without specifying the amount or source of funding. Without this pertinent information, I cannot give this matter full consideration, given the complexities of mental health funding.*

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**AB 2681 (O'Donnell)**  
**Public education: California College Promise Grant Program**

*Held under submission - Assembly Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have established the California College Promise Grant Program to provide planning grants to school districts and California Community College districts to establish a College and Career Access Pathways partnership.

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**AB 2732 (Chang, Low)**  
**Public postsecondary education: mandatory orientation for students**

*Vetoed*

This bill would have required the California State University Trustees and requests the University of California Regents, to provide, as part of established campus orientations, educational and preventive information about cyberbullying to students at all campuses of their respective segments.

**Veto Message:** *This bill would require the California State University Trustees to provide educational and preventative information about cyberbullying to students, as part of campus orientations, and request the Regents of the University of California to do the same.*

*There is little doubt that the proliferation of technology has generated new concerns and new forms of bullying and harassment. State law, however, already requires governing boards of public postsecondary institutions to adopt and publish policies on harassment and bullying.*

*It is common sense for institutions to include the most current and relevant issues in these policies and educate students during orientation. I believe that cyberbullying and other pertinent issues can be adequately covered without an additional specification in law.*

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**AB 2791 (Medina)**  
**Community colleges: Disability Services Program**

*Chapter 109, Statutes of 2016*

For purposes of apportionment to the California Community Colleges (CCC) educational programs and support services for disabled students, defines disabled students for whom funded services can be provided to include students who have applied to a CCC and enrolled in disabled student services programs or courses.

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**AB 2822 (Chiu)**  
**Student financial aid: Student Success and Support Program:  
emergency student financial assistance**

*Moved to inactive file – Assembly Floor*

This bill would have required the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office to provide guidelines for community college districts or campuses that seek to establish student emergency aid programs among the services they provide.

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**SB 186 (Jackson)**  
**Community college districts: removal, suspension, or expulsion**

*Chapter 232, Statutes of 2015*

Authorizes a California Community College District (CCD) to remove, suspend or expel a student for specified sexual assault conduct that is unrelated to college activity or attendance; Provides that the

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statutes prohibiting a student from being removed, suspended, or expelled unless the conduct for which the student is being disciplined is related to college activity or college attendance are not intended to limit the ability of a CCD to take appropriate action in compliance with federal law; Expands the definition of "good cause" for which a CCD may suspend or expel a student.

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**SB 1050 (De León, Hernandez, Pan)**  
**Postsecondary education: college readiness**

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

In order to increase the number of California students that meet college eligibility requirements to earn a bachelor's degree this bill would have 1) established the K-12 College Readiness Block Grant, contingent upon funding via statute or the annual budget act, to provide one-time funding to K-12 districts to prepare high school pupils, particularly those traditionally underrepresented at the University of California (UC) and the California State University, for admission into a postsecondary education institution; 2) required, as a condition of annual budget act funding, as specified, that the UC develop and implement a plan and timeline for increasing the enrollment of students from high schools with a 75 percent or greater "unduplicated pupil count", pursuant to Local Control Funding Formula calculations; and 3) requested that the UC establish a California subject matter project to provide administrators, counselors and teachers with strategies for improving college readiness, as specified.

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## Veterans

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**AB 13 (Chávez)****Public postsecondary education: community colleges: exemptions from nonresident tuition**

*Died for lack of a hearing –Senate Education Committee*

This bill would have exempt from the California Community College (CCC) nonresident student fees those veterans living in California and covered under the federal Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 ("Choice Act"), and authorized CCCs to claim state apportionment funding for these students enrolled on or after July 1, 2015.

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**AB 27 (Chávez)****Public postsecondary education: exemption from nonresident tuition**

*Died for lack of a hearing - Senate Education Committee*

This bill would have required the California State University (CSU), and requested the University of California (UC) to exempt from nonresident tuition a nonresident student who is using, or is intending to use, GI Bill educational benefits while enrolled at a CSU or UC. This bill defined "GI Bill educational benefits" to mean any educational benefit administered by the US Department of Veterans Affairs pursuant to Title 38 of the United States Code that is designed to help eligible veterans or other eligible persons with a relationship to a veteran to cover the costs associated with enrollment as a CSU or UC student. It contained an urgency clause.

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**AB 393 (Roger Hernández)****Veteran Resource Centers Grant Program**

*Held under submission - Assembly Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have establishes the Veteran Resource Centers Grant (VRCG) Program and the VRCG Fund housed in the State Treasury.

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**AB 421 (Calderon)****Community colleges: veterans counselor**

*Held under submission - Assembly Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have required every community college district governing board to provide each of its colleges having 200 or more enrolled student veterans with a veterans' counselor; and would have required the California Community College Board of Governors to adopt regulations establishing minimum qualifications for a veterans' counselor as specified.

**AB 1361 (Burke)**  
**Student financial aid: Cal Grant Program: veterans**

*Vetoed*

This bill would have exempted a current or former member of the Armed Forces of the United States, unless the individual received a dishonorable discharge, from the age limitations of the California Community College Transfer Cal Grant Entitlement Program. The bill also would have required an institution to ensure that it does not accept award funds under both this section and United States Code Title 38 in the same award year for a current or former member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is 28 years of age or older.

**Veto Message:** *This bill authorizes a current or former member of the United States Armed Forces to receive a California Community College Transfer Cal Grant entitlement award, even if the student is over 28 years of age unless the student received a dishonorable discharge.*

*While the bill is well intentioned, our California veterans are provided with many different educational benefits including federal Montgomery GI benefits and eligibility to pay California residence fees for both themselves and their dependents at the University of California, the California State University and California Community Colleges. I am not comfortable creating new General Fund costs outside of the budget process, particularly given the Cal Grant augmentations already included in this year's budget.*

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**AB 1529 (Committee on Veterans Affairs)**  
**California National Guard Education Assistance Award Program**

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

Existing law establishes various student financial aid programs under the administration of the Student Aid Commission, and establishes eligibility requirements for the receipt of awards under those programs by participating students attending qualifying institutions. Existing law, until July 1, 2019, establishes the California National Guard Education Assistance Award Program, which provides financial aid to qualifying members of the California National Guard, the State Military Reserve, and the Naval Militia, under the administration of the commission. Existing law requires the Legislative Analyst, on or before January 1, 2016, to prepare and submit to the Legislature a report on the program.

This bill would have deleted the sunset date for this financial aid program, thereby extending the program indefinitely.

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**AB 1781 (Lopez)**  
**Public postsecondary education: child development programs**

*Held at the request of the author - Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee*

This bill would have required child development programs established by the California Community Colleges, the California State University, and the University of California, as authorized, to give priority to children of students who are active duty members of the California National Guard; and,

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specified that the priority shall not exceed other priorities established, as of January 1, 2017, by the public postsecondary educational institution or the State Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI) for the program.

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**AB 1936 (Chávez)**

**Public postsecondary education: residency: dependents of armed forces members.**

*Held under submission - Senate Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have extended the resident classification for designated dependents of transferred and retired members of the Armed Forces of the United States to those dependents who have been admitted to a public postsecondary institution before the transfer or retirement. The bill would request the Regents of the University of California to establish the same residency benefits as those established by this bill for students enrolled at the University of California.

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**AB 2494 (Roger Hernández)**

**Veteran Resource Centers Grant Program**

*Held under submission - Senate Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have established the Veteran Resource Centers Grant Program contingent upon an appropriation, in which community college districts and campuses may apply for grants to provide veterans and active duty members resources to help them succeed academically.

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**SB 418 (Morrell)**

**California State University: readmission**

*Chapter 145, Statutes of 2015*

Requires the California State University (CSU) to comply with specified federal law regarding readmission requirements for service members attending postsecondary education institutions, and authorizes the CSU to adopt regulations to implement said provisions.

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**SB 1059 (Monning)**

**Postsecondary education: Title 38 awards**

*Chapter 428, Statutes of 2016*

Would authorize unaccredited law schools, as specified, to participate in federal veteran's education benefits. Specifically, this bill:

- 1) Would authorize an institution, which obtains and provides evidence to the California State Approving Agency for Veteran's Education (CSAAVE) of accreditation from the Committee of Bar Examiners (CBE), to receive approval from CSAAVE for participation in Title 38 veteran's education benefits, provided the institution does both of the following:
  - a) Provides disclosures to applicants of the school of the institution's admissions data, tuition, fees, financial aid, conditional scholarships, refund policies, average class size of each required course, number of clinical offerings, number of full-time and part-time

faculty, technically trained librarians, administrators, enrollment data, bar passage data, and employment outcomes for graduates, as defined.

- b) Is in compliance with all applicable CSAAVE rules and regulations and is in good standing with the CBE.

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