

2015-2016 Mid-Session Legislative Update



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AB 25 (Gipson) Financial aid: Cal Grant program: renewal.

Requires the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) to establish an appeal process for institutions failing to meet Cal Grant program participation requirements and authorizes the CSAC to grant an appeal for one academic year to an institution with a small cohort of 20 individuals or less, as specified.

Status: Chapter 613, Statutes of 2015

AB 147 (Dababneh) Postsecondary education: animal research.

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.

Status: Chapter 551, Statutes of 2015

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

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.

Status: Chapter 618, Statutes of 2015

AB 404 (Chiu) Community colleges: accreditation.

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 accrediting agency of the date by which their application for continued recognition is due. Requires the CCC BOG to conduct a survey of CCC, including faculty and classified personnel, to develop a report to be

transmitted to the United States Department of Education and NCIQI that reflects a systemwide evaluation of the agency based on criteria used to determine an accreditor's status.

Status: Chapter 623, Statutes of 2015

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

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 pre-apprenticeship 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.

Status: Chapter 558, Statutes of 2015

AB 636 (Medina) Postsecondary education: student safety.

Requires postsecondary education institutions to disclose to law enforcement the identity of an alleged assailant if the institution determines that the alleged assailant represents a serious or ongoing threat to the safety of the campus community and the immediate assistance of law enforcement is necessary.

Status: Chapter 697, Statutes of 2015

AB 653 (Levine) Postsecondary education: community college contracting practices.

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.

Status: Chapter 366, Statutes of 2015

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

Defines "supplanting" for purposes of special session instructional programs offered at the California State University and establishes requirements and prohibitions on the offering of state-supported and special session courses for the purposes of degree completion and graduation.

Status: Chapter 252, Statutes of 2015

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

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

Status: Chapter 632, Statutes of 2015

AB 752 (Salas) Private postsecondary education: California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009.

Requires the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (Bureau), by July 1, 2016, to review the list of examinations prescribed by the U.S. Department of Education and if the Bureau determines there is no examination appropriate for ability-to-benefit students with limited English proficiency, to approve an alternative examination for these students.

Status: Chapter 560, Statutes of 2015

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

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

Status: Chapter 83, Statutes of 2015

AB 798 (Bonilla) College Textbook Affordability Act 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.

Status: Chapter 633, Statutes of 2015

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

Eliminates the sunset on the authority of the California State University and the University of California to distribute the names and addresses of alumni for purposes of participation in affinity programs, expands the opt-out disclosure methods which may be used, and eliminates related obsolete reporting requirements.

Status: Chapter 121, Statutes of 2015

AB 913 (Santiago) Student safety.

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

Status: Chapter 701, Statutes of 2015

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

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

Status: Chapter 636, Statutes of 2015

AB 1016 (Santiago) Public postsecondary education: Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act.

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.

Status: Chapter 437, Statutes of 2015

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

Authorizes the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) to require verification of high school graduation to be electronically submitted for high school graduates for the purpose of determining financial aid eligibility, as specified, and requires the electronic submission of grade point average information on a standardize form.

Status: Chapter 637, Statutes of 2015

AB 1150 (Levine) Energy: University of California and California State University partnership.

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. 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.

Status: Chapter 597, Statutes of 2015

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

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.

Status: Chapter 571, Statutes of 2015

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

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

Status: Chapter 642, Statutes of 2015

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

Authorizes a California Community College District to remove, suspend, or expel a student for sexual assault, as specified.

Status: Chapter 232, Statutes of 2015

SB 410 (Beall) California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009.

Defines, for the purpose of reporting graduation and placement rates to the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education, “on-time graduates” to mean students who graduate within 100% of the program length in lieu of classifying this group as “graduates.”

Status: Chapter 258, Statutes of 2015

SB 418 (Morrell) California State University: readmission.

Requires the California State University to comply with a specified federal law regarding readmission requirements for service members attending postsecondary institutions.

Status: Chapter 145, Statutes of 2015

SB 440 (Senate Committee on Education) Postsecondary education: institutions.

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.

Status: Chapter 259, Statutes of 2015

SB 605 (Gaines) Community colleges: exemption from nonresident tuition fee: Lake Tahoe Community College District.

Until July 1, 2022; (1) exempts up to 200 students in any academic year from paying non-resident tuition fees if they attend the Lake Tahoe Community College (LTCC) and reside in specified communities in the State of Nevada, and; (2) permits the LTCC to count these persons as resident full-time equivalent students (FTES) for purposes of determining California apportionment funding. This bill makes these provisions contingent upon the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges (CCC) entering into an interstate attendance agreement with the Nevada System of Higher Education providing reciprocal rights to California residents attending Western Nevada College that reasonably conform to the benefits extended to Nevada residents by this bill's provisions.

Status: Chapter 657, Statutes of 2015

SCR 35 (Stone) Anti-Semitism.

This resolution urges each University of California (UC) 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.

Status: Resolution Chapter 129, Statutes of 2015



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Vetoed Assembly & Senate Bills

AB 176 (Bonta) Data collection.

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 (API) 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.

AB 340 (Weber) Postsecondary education: campus climate: report.

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 to 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.

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

This bill would have provided financial aid and legal 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 967 (Williams) Postsecondary education: sexual assault cases.

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.

AB 968 (Williams) Postsecondary education: transcripts.

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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

This bill would have established the Office of Higher Education Performance and Accountability as the statewide postsecondary coordination and planning entity.

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.

SB 376 (Lara) Public contracts: University of California.

This bill would have modified the requirements for qualifying as a lowest responsible bidder or best value awardee for contracts for specified services at the University of California (UC) by (1) requiring a bidder to certify in writing, for specified types of service contracts, that its employees are compensated at a level that does not materially undercut the average per-employee total compensation for UC employees who perform comparable work, as specified, and (2) making the \$100,000 threshold for competitive bidding applicable to any renewal or

extension of an existing contract for goods, materials and services to be performed if it involves an expenditure of \$100,000 or more annually.

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.

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

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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Status of Remaining Assembly & Senate Bills

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

Exempts 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, and authorizes CCCs to claim state apportionment funding for these students enrolled on or after July 1, 2015.

Status: Senate Education Committee.

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

Requires the state's public postsecondary educational institutions to exempt qualifying nonresident veterans from nonresident tuition and fee charges, in conformance with federal law.

Status: Senate Education Committee.

AB 38 (Eggman) California State University: Legislative Analyst's Office: initial analysis to assess need for new campus.

Requires the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) to conduct an initial analysis to assess the need for a new campus of the California State University.

Status: Senate Rules Committee.

AB 42 (Kim) Public postsecondary education: funding and mandatory fees.

Prohibits the mandatory systemwide fees from the 2015-16 fiscal year to the 2018-19 fiscal year, charged to students of the California State University, the University of California, and the California Community Colleges from exceeding the level of the mandatory systemwide fees charged to students for the 2014-15 fiscal year.

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 174 (Gray) University of California: medical education.

Makes an annual General Fund appropriation of \$1.255 million to the University of California (UC) to support the expansion of UC Merced's San Joaquin Valley (SJV) Program in Medical Education (PRIME).

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee. Held under submission.

AB 200 (Alejo, Jones-Sawyer) Student financial aid: Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards.

Establishes 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.

Status: Senate Education Committee.

AB 206 (Mark Stone, Medina) Student financial aid: California DREAM Work-Study Program.

Establishes the California DREAM Work-Study Program, to be administered by the University of California and the California State University.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee. Held under submission.

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

Prohibits nonresidents, as defined, from constituting more than 3% of the students enrolled at any campus of the California State University in any academic year. The bill 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.

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee.

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

Establishes a grant program to support California Community Colleges (CCC) veterans' resource centers.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee. Held under submission.

AB 421 (Calderon) Community colleges: veterans counselor.

Requires every community college district governing board to provide each of its colleges having 200 or more enrolled student veterans with a veterans' counselor.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee. Held under submission.

AB 456 (Patterson) Public postsecondary education: University of California: California State University: electronic textbooks.

Requires the California State University, and request 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.

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee.

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

Requests the California Subject Matters Project, 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.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee. Held under submission.

AB 490 (Alejo, Gatto) Community Colleges: Community College Extended Opportunity Programs and Services and the Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education program.

Appropriates, for 2015-2016, \$32 million for the California Community Colleges (CCC's) Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) and \$8 million for administration of the CCC's Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education (CARE).

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee. Held under submission.

AB 542 (Wilk) Community colleges: early and middle college high schools.

Exempts Early College High School students from the requirement that a community college district governing board assign a low enrollment priority to special part-time or full-time students; and, prohibits a student enrolled in a community college physical education (PE) course required for the student's middle college or early college high school program from being considered a special part-time or full-time student, thereby excluding these students from the cap on PE courses for which the community college can claim full-time equivalent students (FTES) and receive associated state apportionments.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee. Held under submission.

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

Adds one additional college campus financial aid officer, appointed by the California Student Aid Commission, to the advisory committee.

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee.

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

Existing law establishes the California State Work-Study Program, under the administration of the California 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 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 change this time period, regarding a position to be filled by a work-study student, to the current or immediately preceding 6 months.

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 626 (Low) Community colleges: employees.

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 (CCDs) to achieve the statutory goal of 75% full-time (F/T) to 25% part-time (P/T) faculty teaching at CCCs.

Status: Senate Education Committee.

AB 677 (Dodd) School safety: door locks.

Requires 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.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee. Held under submission.

AB 735 (Ridley-Thomas) Postsecondary education: Student Athlete Bill of Rights.

Makes changes to some of the provisions of the Student Athlete Bill of Rights, as specified; and, grants these rights to student athletes who initially enrolled in institutions of higher education before January 1, 2021.

Status: Assembly Arts, Entertainment, Sports, Tourism, and Internet Media Committee.

AB 770 (Irwin) Community colleges: basic skills innovation program.

Expands the duties of the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) 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.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee. Held under submission.

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

Requires the extension of priority enrollment, as specified, to homeless youth or former foster youth; 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; requires the waiver of per unit fees for a homeless youth or former homeless youth at the community colleges; and adds homeless youth to the categories of youth to be served under existing financial aid programs and services.

Status: Senate Floor.

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

Establishes a formula for determining the maximum Cal Grant award for students attending private nonprofit postsecondary educational institutions.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee. Held under submission.

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

Prohibits the University of California (UC) from paying any employees a salary exceeding \$500,000 in any fiscal year and requires an annual report regarding UC employee salaries.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee. Held under submission.

AB 889 (Chang) Concurrent enrollment in secondary school and community college.

Authorizes a school district to allow a pupil to concurrently enroll at a community college to take STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) courses if the student has exhausted all opportunities to enroll in equivalent courses in the school district.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee. Held under submission.

AB 907 (Burke) Career training: adult students.

Authorizes the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI) to certify specified career training programs for the purpose of participating in specified federal student financial assistance programs.

Status: Senate Education Committee.

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

Authorizes a California Community College District (CCD) to take specified action to deny or permit conditional access to a student found responsible for specified activities.

Status: Assembly Floor.

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

Requires the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges (CCC) to provide a report to the Legislature regarding Compton Community College District (Compton CCD).

Status: Senate Rules Committee.

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

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

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee. Held under submission.

AB 1066 (Gonzalez) Classified employees: short-term employees.

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.

Status: Senate Education Committee.

AB 1145 (Medina) Pupils: Early Commitment to College program.

This bill modifies and expands existing reporting requirements regarding the Early Commitment to College program.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee.

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

Requires, for the 2016–17 academic year, and every year thereafter, the California Student Aid 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 authorize 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.

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 1260 (Thurmond) Joint Exercise of Powers Act.

Authorizes the University of California to enter into a joint powers agreement with the City of Richmond, or an enhanced infrastructure financing a district created by the City of Richmond, for financing infrastructure and other improvements within the area of the South Shoreline Specific Plan and the Berkeley Global Campus at Richmond Bay, if the agreement includes specified provisions benefitting the local community.

Status: Senate Education Committee.

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

Establishes requirements regarding executive compensation increases at the University of California.

Status: Senate Education Committee.

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

Requires the California State University and the University of California to guarantee undergraduate admissions to eligible California students, as specified and defined.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee. Held under submission.

AB 1365 (Baker) Sexual assault awareness and prevention program.

Appropriates an unspecified amount from the General Fund to the various governing bodies of the public segments of higher education, in order to fund the rape and sexual assault education programs.

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 1366 (Lopez) Public postsecondary education: Dream Resource Liaisons.

Encourages schools that maintain grades 9 through 12, the California Community Colleges, 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.

Status: Senate Floor.

AB 1370 (Medina, Beth Gaines) Public postsecondary education: student residency.

Prohibits the number of undergraduate nonresident students enrolled at any University of California campus from exceeding the number enrolled in the 2015-16 academic year; requires UC, by the 2018-19 academic year and each academic year thereafter, not less than 50% of the revenues in excess of the marginal cost of instruction, generated from undergraduate nonresident enrollment, be directed to fund increased enrollment of undergraduate resident students across all campuses with undergraduate students; and requires annual reporting.

Status: Senate Education Committee.

AB 1385 (Ting) Community colleges: accreditation.

Prohibits the accrediting agency for California Community Colleges (CCC) from imposing a special assessment on CCCs for legal fees related to a lawsuit, unless there has been an affirmative vote by the majority of the chief executive officers, or their designees, of all the CCCs.

Status: Senate Floor.

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

Establishes the California Community Colleges (CCC) Fair Accreditation Act of 2015 and requires the accrediting agency for CCCs to meet specified operational standards.

Status: Senate Floor.

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

Authorizes an unspecified amount of general obligation bonds to finance the construction and renovation of facilities at the California Community Colleges, the California State University, the University of California, and the Hastings College of the Law; and, places the bond measure for voter approval on the November 2016 statewide general election ballot.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee. Held under submission.

AB 1474 (Chávez) Community colleges: Community College Career Technical Education Bond Act.
Enacts the Community College Career Technical Education Bond Act, which, if adopted by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in amount of \$500,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a career technical education bond program.

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee.

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

Requires the Legislative Analyst's Office to conduct a study of, and report to the Legislature by January 1, 2017, on the feasibility of establishing a campus of the University of California (UC) devoted to science, technology, engineer, arts, and mathematics (STEAM); and, appropriates \$50 million from the General Fund for the establishment of, and acquisition of land for, the UC STEAM campus, to be allocated by the Controller to the UC Regents upon the Regents approval to establish the new campus.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee. Held under submission.

SB 15 (Block, De León, Liu) Postsecondary education: financial aid: Graduation Incentive Grant program.

Permanently restores the Cal Grant annual award amount to \$9,084 for recipients attending a private postsecondary education institution accredited by WASC and deletes the scheduled reduction to \$8,056 for new recipients in the 2015-16 award year; increases the number of statutorily authorized competitive Cal Grant Awards from 22,500 to 30,000 annually; and, establishes the Graduation Incentive Grant Program to be awarded beginning in the 2015-16 academic year to provide grants to matriculated undergraduate students with financial need at the CSU who are enrolled full time and meet other specified criteria.

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee.

SB 62 (Pavley, Block, Huff) Student financial aid: Assumption Program of Loans for Education: Governor's Teaching Fellowships Program.

Makes various programmatic changes to the Assumption Program of Loans for Education (APLE).

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee.

SB 344 (Monning) Commercial driver's license: education.

Requires an individual, in order to obtain a commercial driver's license (CDL), to complete a course of instruction approved by the DMV.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee.

SB 574 (Pan) University of California: alternative investment information.

Requires the University of California (UC) to obtain specified information, as currently required by 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.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee. Held under submission.



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

Authorizes adult programs, California Community Colleges (CCC) noncredit courses and classes, and the adult education regional consortia, established pursuant to Education Code (EC) Section 84830, to provide family literacy education.

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee. Failed passage; reconsideration granted.

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

Establishes the Student Freedom of Association Act to require California Community College districts, the California State University Trustees, and the University of California Regents, to adopt a policy prohibiting their respective campuses from discriminating against a student organization with respect to a benefit available to any other student organization, based on that organization's requirement that its leaders or voting members adhere to the organization's viewpoints or sincerely held beliefs; or, be committed to furthering the organization's beliefs, mission, or standards of conduct.

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee. Failed passage; reconsideration granted.

SB 425 (Hernández) Career training: adult students.

Would have authorized the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI), 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 (UCPs) outlined in specified regulations; and (3) decertify any program no longer in compliance with specified federal regulations.

On August 17, 2015, SB 425 was amended out of the jurisdiction of the Assembly Higher Education Committee to deal with maintenance in the City of El Monte.

