

# Legislative Liaison Report

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All Bills in this report are currently in Committee.

The Community College League of California and the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges have not publicly taken positions on many of these Bills yet.

## AB 19 (Santiago D) Community colleges: enrollment fee waiver.

Would waive fees for full time students (defined as those taking 12 units or more) in their first year of instruction, regardless of financial need.

## AB 20 (Kalra D) Public employee retirement systems: divestment: Dakota Access Pipeline.

CalPERS and CalSTRS will be forbidden to invest in any company involved in the construction or financing the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline, beginning January 1, 2018, and both retirement systems will also be required to fully divest from said companies by July 1, 2018.

## AB 21 (Kalra D) Public postsecondary education: Access to Higher Education for Every Student.

Intended to protect AB 540 students, this bill prohibits California's community colleges, the California State University and requests the University of California to the furthest extent legally possible not cooperate with immigration enforcement agencies or officials. Specifically it requires colleges to:

- 1 Not the release of immigration status of a college's students.
- 2 To refuse permission to allow officials of the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency to enter their campuses without a written description of their planned activities provided at least 10 days before the visit.
- 3 To provide housing or a stipend during breaks to students who cannot return to their families who live outside the country.
- 4 To provide access to legal services for students who face significant risk of being deported.
- 5 If the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals is reversed, provide resources to help these students.

Additionally it states the intent of the legislature will be to fund the above provisions through an appropriation in the 2017-18 budget.

## AB 165 (Cooper D) Privacy: electronic communications: exclusions: local educational agencies.

The Electronic Communications Privacy Act specifies the conditions under which a government entity may access electronic device information by means of physical interaction or electronic communication with the device, such as pursuant to a search warrant, wiretap order, or consent of the owner of the device. This bill would end the application of the Electronic Communications Privacy Act to a local educational agency, as defined, or an individual acting for or on behalf of a local educational agency.

**What this means is that police and other California government agencies can read the Emails, text messages, social media posts, etc. of anyone working for or on behalf of a school, school district, or charter school.**

## AB 276 (Medina D) Postsecondary education: report: cybersecurity education and training programs.

This bill would request the governing board of each community college district, no later than January 1, 2019, to complete a report that evaluates the current state of cyber security education and training programs, including specified information about those programs to determine the best method of educating and training college students to meet the current demand for jobs requiring cyber security knowledge and experience.

ASCCC Position/Resolutions: Well, we support training and knowledge...

## AB 445 (Cunningham R) Apprenticeship Programs, Related Supplemental Instruction and Career Technical Education.

Current law requires applicants for grants under the California Career Technical Education Incentive Grant Program to demonstrate that they have local matching funds, as specified. Existing law specifies that no applicant may receive a renewal grant under the program for the 201819 fiscal year. This bill would change the name of the program to the California Career Technical Education Grant Program. The bill would increase to \$300,000,000 the General Fund appropriation to the State Department of Education for this program for the 201718 fiscal year, and would further provide for an appropriation to the department in this amount for each subsequent fiscal year.

The ASCCC has long held that CTE funding is crucial to fulfilling our mission. The other two points regarding apprenticeship programs and RSI are still being explored.

# Highlights!

## AB 453 (Limn D) Postsecondary education: student hunger.

Expresses the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would address student hunger in California's higher education institutions.

## AB 504 (Medina D) (*and AB 637 (Medina D)*) Community colleges: Student Success and Support Program funding.

Would require the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to establish standard definitions and measures of the terms equity and significant underrepresentation for use in the student equity plans of community college districts.

## AB 568 (Gonzalez Fletcher D) School and community college employees: paid maternity leave.

Would require school and community college districts to offer a paid leave of absence for employees who are required to be absent due to recovering from a miscarriage or childbirth. The length of leave shall be determined by the employee and her physician.



## AB 705 (Irwin D) Seymour-Campbell Student Success Act of 2012: matriculation: assessment.

This bill would require, by August 1, 2018, a community college district or college to use high school transcript data in the assessment and subsequent assignment of students to English and mathematics coursework in order to maximize the probability that the student will complete college-level coursework in English and mathematics within a one-year time frame.

Focused on basic skills and remediation, this bill would:

- Require community colleges to use high school transcript data in the assessment of a student's ability to do college level math or English.
- Prohibit colleges from placing students in remedial math or English unless research shows that the student is highly unlikely to succeed.
- Permits a college to require students to enroll in additional concurrent support during the semester if the college determines the support will be essential to the student's success.

ASCCC is not happy with the Bill as it is. They are seeking significant revisions to it.

## AB 847 (Bocanegra D) Academic senates: membership.

Would require local academic senates of campuses of public colleges to publish a roster of its membership on its website. It would also require that local academic senates will provide additional demographics of their membership, upon request, including gender, race or ethnicity, etc.

ASCCC is concerned that this will open the door to other demographic data collection and will work on getting the Bill revised.

## SB 25 (Portantino D) Education: integrated K-14 system.

This bill would require the Legislative Analyst to conduct an assessment and make recommendations for the integration of the states elementary schools, secondary schools and the California Community Colleges into one coordinated education system. In preparing the assessment, the LAO shall consider the expansion of concurrent enrollment programs, determine the cost of providing free access to the California Community Colleges, and determine what, if any, curriculum changes are needed to better facilitate transfer and employment.

ASCCC Position/Resolutions: !!!x\*@!!!

SB 577 (Dodd D) Public postsecondary education: community college districts: teacher credentialing programs of professional preparation.

This bill would authorize the Board of Governors, in consultation with the California State University and the University of California, to authorize a community college district to offer a teacher credentialing program.

## SB 769 (Hill D) Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program.

This bill focuses on expanding access to baccalaureate degrees for students at community colleges. Specifically it:

- 1 Eliminates the current present pilot program.
- 2 Adds an additional 15 community college districts who are able to participate in the program.
- 3 Lifts the one-program-per-district limit.
- 4 Narrows down the restrictions regarding duplicative degrees to only restricting a community college district's ability to offer a baccalaureate degree if it is duplicative of a program offered at a University of California or California State University within 100 miles of that district.