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and search using the bill number.

*Bills marked with \* were highlighted in the Faculty Association  
of California Community Colleges (FACCC) newsletters*

**On the Governor's Desk:**

**\*AB 1985 (Williams) Advanced Placement credit.** This bill would require the California Community Colleges to develop, and each community college district to adopt, a uniform policy for awarding college course credit to a student who passes an Advanced Placement exam.

Although FACCC's major concern was addressed—removing the required acceptance of three as a passing score for college credit—the insertion of last minute amendments, not yet in print, on implementation details will likely trigger further advocacy.

**\*AB 1995 (Williams) Community colleges: homeless students: access to shower facilities.** This bill would require community colleges that have shower facilities to grant access to those facilities for enrolled students who are homeless, but give districts discretion regarding the hours of operation, provisions for student safety, the minimum number of units a student must be enrolled in to use the facilities and other provisions ameliorating the fiscal impact of the program on the community college district.

**\* AB 2069 (Medina D) Part-time faculty office hours.** This bill would require that each community college post on its website part-time office hours and report the number of paid part-time faculty office hours at the college.

**\*AB 1741 (Rodriguez D) California College Promise Innovation Grant Program.** (Reported to Senate on 3/2/2016) This bill would use the \$25 million from the innovation award grants (Federal Grant Program) to fund local college promise grants. The bill is based on the Long Beach Promise and includes provisions that are consistent with that program.

The bill would require a local promise program to include the following:

- Partnership with K-12 district
  - Support high school preparation for college through small learning communities, concurrent enrollment & other proven initiatives
  - Utilize placement and assessment indicators that include multiple measures of student performance, including grades in high school courses, overall grade point averages, results from common assessments and input from counselors
- Provide access to full-time course schedules
- Provide outreach to students regarding ADT and the transfer entitlement program
- Partnership with one or more public higher education institution

**Long Beach Promise Program:** <http://www.longbeachcollegepromise.org/>

**\*AB 2017 (McCarty) College Mental Health Services Program.** This bill would appropriate create a program utilizing Proposition 63 funds to create a competitive grant program to fund mental health services at public colleges.

**\*AB 2393 (Campos) School employees: sick leave: parental leave.** This bill would make various changes regarding how community college instructors and classified employees are granted parental or family leave. Specifically it would:

1. Permit classified school employees or community college instructors to use his or her sick leave for up to 12 weeks of parental leave.
2. Permit an additional 12 weeks of unpaid leave if the employee had exhausted his or her 12 weeks of sick leave.

**\*AB 1690 (Medina D) Community colleges: part-time, temporary employees.** (Supported by FACCC and Opposed by the Community College League of California) This bill would mandate rehire rights for part-time faculty members who have:

1. Taught for six semesters.
2. Received positive performance reviews.
3. Had not rejected an offered course load assignment.

**AB 1449 (Lopez D) Student financial aid: California Community College Transfer Cal Grant Entitlement Program.** This bill would permit a California resident who does not have a high school diploma but is otherwise transfer ready to qualify for a Cal Grant transfer entitlement award.

**AB 1594 (McCarty D) Public postsecondary education: prohibition of using tobacco and smoking on campuses.** (Reported to AS on 3/2/2016) This bill would prohibit smoking or e-cigarettes at California's Community Colleges and the California State University.

**AB 1653 (Weber D) Postsecondary education: campus climate.** (Reported to Senate on 3/2/2016) This bill would require the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, the Trustees of the California State University, and the governing body of each private postsecondary educational institution (and would encourage the Regents of the University of California) to each generate a report that includes information related to the institution's campus climate. The report must be posted on the institutions' website and submitted to the Legislature. The report would be required once every biennium of the legislative session, commencing with the 2017-18 legislative session.

**AB 1778 (Quirk D) Postsecondary education: sexual assault and sexual violence training.** (Reported to Senate on 3/2/2016) This bill would require the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, the Trustees of the California State University, the Regents of the University of California, and the governing body of each private postsecondary educational institution to conduct annual training of their respective employees on the employee's obligations in responding to and reporting incidents of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking involving students, in order to receive state funds for student financial assistance.

**AB 2009 (Lopez D) Student support services: Dream Resource Liaisons.** This bill would require each community college to designate a staff person as a Dream Resource Liaison who is knowledgeable in available financial aid, services, and academic opportunities for all students who qualify to attend the college under the Dream Act.

**AB 2455 (Chiu D) Voter registration: public postsecondary educational institutions: California New Motor Voter Program.** This bill would require the California State University and the California Community Colleges to implement a process to allow a person who enrolls online at the institution, to submit an affidavit of voter registration electronically on the Internet Web site of the Secretary of State by July 1, 2018.

**AB 526 (Holden D) Pupils: attendance at community college.** This bill, until January 1, 2020, would exempt from the 5% limitation secondary education students, who meet specified requirements, on enrolling in certain community college courses.

**Bills That Have Passed:**

**AB 1654 (Santiago D) Student safety: crime reporting.** (Reported to Senate on 3/2/2016) This bill would require the State Auditor to include in audits of postsecondary education institutions an evaluation of the institutions' compliance with state law governing crime reporting and the development and implementation of student safety policies and procedures.

**AB 1747 (Weber D) Food assistance: higher education students.** This bill creates various programs and changes in statute intended to help feed students who experience food insecurity.

**Bills that have died a horrible death:**

**AB 1721 (Medina D) Student financial aid: Cal Grant Program.** (Proposed by the Chancellor's Office and reported to the Senate on 3/2/2016) Died in the appropriations committee in August. It would have made adjustments in the CAL Grant Program, expanding the number of awards, the size of awards, and the age limit for awards for certain students.