

# Government Relations Update

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## Status of Bills in 2017 Legislative Session

(These bills are a sampling of those supported by the Chancellor's Office)

### **AB172 (Chavez) Public postsecondary education: residency: dependents of armed forces members.**

This bill would extend that 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. *Sent to Senate Appropriations Committee.*

**AB370 (Rodriguez) Student financial aid: Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards..** This bill, commencing with the 2018–19 award year, would require the commission to calculate a target for awards to be paid in an award year, estimate a take rate for awards by dividing the total number of awards paid by the total number of offers made during the 3 award years immediately preceding that award year, and estimate the number of award offers that the commission may make to achieve the target for awards to be paid, as specified. The bill would also authorize the commission to exceed the 25,750 award limit in an academic year when the number of acceptances exceeds 25,750, under specified conditions. *In Assembly Appropriations Committee*

### **AB1563 (Medina) Student financial aid: Cal Grant C awards.**

This bill would (1) rename these awards the Competitive Cal Grant C awards, (2) set the maximum Competitive Cal Grant C award amount at \$2,462 for tuition and fees and \$547 for certain other costs, (3) establish an additional Competitive Cal Grant C award in an annual amount not to exceed \$2,462 for community college students for occupational and technical training to cover access costs, training-related costs, and tuition and fees, and (4) establish a Cal Grant C Entitlement award for access costs for community college students who are enrolled in a for-credit certificate or credential instructional program that is less than one academic year in length and that is an occupational or technical training program identified by the commission, as specified. *In Assembly Education Committee.*

### **AB1622 (Low) Student support services: Dream Resource Liaisons.**

This bill would, commencing with the 2018–19 academic year, require the California Community Colleges and the California State University, and request the University of California, to designate a Dream Resource Liaison on each of their respective campuses, as specified, to assist students meeting specified requirements, including undocumented students, by streamlining access to all available financial aid and academic opportunities for those students. By requiring community colleges to designate a Dream Resource Liaison, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. The bill would encourage those institutions to establish Dream Resource Centers, and would authorize those centers to provide specified support services. *In Assembly Education Committee.*

**SB15 (Leyva) Student financial aid: Cal Grant C awards.**

This bill would commence with the 2017–18 award year and each award year thereafter set maximum amounts for annual Cal Grant C awards for tuition and fees, and for access costs, respectively. The bill would also provide that, notwithstanding the maximum amounts specified in the bill, the maximum amount of a Cal Grant C award could be adjusted in the annual Budget Act for that award year. The bill would delete provisions specifying the duties of the Student Aid Commission in determining areas or occupational or technical training that meet the criteria of the Cal Grant C award program. The bill would instead require the Office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to annually provide the Student Aid Commission with eligible occupational and technical training programs that meet specified conditions set forth in the bill. *In Senate Education Committee*

**SB25 (Portantino) Public postsecondary education: nonresident tuition exemption.**

Existing law provides that effective for academic terms beginning after July 1, 2015, a student enrolled at a campus of the California Community Colleges or the California State University who resides in California, meets the definition of “covered individual” under federal law, as it read on July 1, 2015, and is eligible for education benefits under either of 2 specified federal “GI Bill” programs, as each read on July 1, 2015, is exempt from paying nonresident tuition and any other fees exclusively applicable to nonresident students at that campus. Effective for the academic terms beginning after July 1, 2017, this bill would change the meaning of “covered individual” under these provisions, as specified, to align with federal law, as it read on January 1, 2017, and would require a California Community College or California State University student, as an eligibility requirement for the nonresident tuition exemption, to be eligible for education benefits under either of the 2 federal “GI Bill” programs referenced above, as each read on January 1, 2017. *Co-sponsor Is Sen. Josh Newman. In Senate Education Committee*

**SB 68 (Lara) Exemption from non-resident tuition (AB 540 transfer students)**

This bill would instead exempt a student, other than a nonimmigrant alien, from nonresident tuition at the California State University and the California Community Colleges if the student has a total of 3 or more years of attendance at California elementary schools, California secondary schools, campuses of the California Community Colleges, or a combination of those schools, as specified, and the student graduates from a California high school or attains the equivalent, attains an associate degree from a campus of the California Community Colleges, or fulfills minimum transfer requirements established for the University of California or the California State University for students transferring from campuses of the California Community Colleges. *In Senate Appropriations.*

## Update

**SB7 (Moorlach) School district and community college district bonds: project information.**

This bill would require the governing board of a school district or community college district to support those specified purposes with a facilities master plan with cost estimates. In order for any one or more of those specified purposes to be united and voted upon as a single proposition, the bill would additionally require each planned project and the named school or college campus to be specified. *The chair of the Senate Education Committee is opposed to this bill and unless amendments requested by the Chancellor’s Office are made, it will not be going anywhere.*