



Legislative Update

Last week, both Houses met in floor session all week in order to meet the deadline for passing bills out of their house of origin. Both Houses took up hundreds of bills for consideration. Among the major bills of interest that were heard in the Senate and Assembly were the following:

[AB 17 \(Holden\)](#) passed out of the Assembly and will go to the Senate. The bill would authorize a Transit Pilot Pass Program funded at \$20 million to be administered by the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to provide free or reduced fare transit passes to low income students.

[AB 19 \(Santiago\)](#) passed out of the Assembly and will go to the Senate. The bill would create a community college promise program by waiving fees for all first-time, full-time (12 units or more) students.

[AB 387 \(Thurmond\)](#) was placed on the inactive file and is dead for the year. The bill would have expanded the definition of “employer” for purposes of these provisions to include a person who directly or indirectly, or through an agent or any other person, employs or exercises control over the wages, hours, or working conditions of a person engaged in a period of supervised work experience to satisfy requirements for licensure, registration, or certification as an allied health professional.

[AB 705 \(Irwin\)](#) passed out of the Assembly and will go to the Senate. The bill would require community college districts to use high school transcript data when placing students in English and math.

[SB 577 \(Dodd\)](#) passed out of the Senate and will go to the Assembly. The bill would authorize up to five community colleges to offer a teacher credentialing program.

[SB 769 \(Hill\)](#) passed out of the Senate and will go to the Assembly. The bill would expand the Community College Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program by 10 programs and would move the sunset date out by an additional 5 years.

Bills that moved out of their house of origin will begin to be heard in policy committees of the other House. The Senate Education Committee begins this week, with their first hearing June 7th. The Assembly Higher Education Committee will have their next hearing on June 20th.