

# *The* COMMUNITY COLLEGE UPDATE

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## **2018-19 State Budget Approved by the Legislature**

One day before the June 15 constitutional deadline for the Legislature to act on a state spending plan for the upcoming fiscal year, the Assembly and Senate approved the 2018-19 State Budget Bill ([Senate Bill \[SB\] 840](#)) and several accompanying trailer bills, on a mostly party-line vote (for more details on the Budget agreement, see “[Conference Committee Releases Framework for 2018-19 State Budget Compromise](#),” in the current issues of the *Community College Update*).

On Wednesday, June 13, 2018, the Senate Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review considered and approved more than a dozen Budget trailer bills, the implementing language of the California State Budget Bill, in advance of Thursday’s vote. On the other side of the aisle, the Assembly Budget Committee held an informational hearing on many of the Budget trailer bills, but will not take action on several of those measures until next week. Once passed by the Budget Committees, these bills move forward to the full Senate and Assembly floors for approval.

While the Proposition 98 certification trailer bill ([Assembly Bill \[AB\] 1825](#)) was approved by the Legislature, the higher education omnibus trailer bill ([AB 1809](#)) was not in print long enough to be voted on by the Legislature, and instead is expected to be taken up sometime next week. With the passage of Proposition 54 in 2016, all legislation, including the State Budget Bill and accompanying trailer bills, is required to be in print and online in its final form for at least 72 hours before the Legislature can take action on it.

If Governor Jerry Brown receives SB 840 and any accompanying trailer bills on June 14, 2018, immediately following passage by the Senate and Assembly, he will have until June 26, 2018, 12 days after being presented with the bills, to take one of the following actions:

Approve the Budget bill (and/or accompanying trailer bills) as presented to him

Approve the Budget bill with specific line item reductions

Veto the Budget bill (and/or any accompanying trailer bills) and send it back to the Legislature

With the Governor and leaders of the Senate and Assembly having announced an agreement on June 8, 2018, significant line item vetoes are not expected.

The State Constitution only requires that the State Budget Bill itself be presented to the Governor by the June 15 constitutional deadline. The Budget trailer bills can follow days or even weeks after the main Budget bill has been approved by the Legislature