

# *The* COMMUNITY COLLEGE UPDATE

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## 2019 Bill Signing Update

With fewer than ten days to go until the bill signing deadline, Governor Gavin Newsom continues to work through the hundreds of bills that made it to his desk in the final weeks of the 2019 legislative year. So far, he has signed legislation requiring employers prove that their workers can meet a three-part test in [order](#) to be lawfully classified as independent contractors, a bill that makes the most significant reforms to the state's charter school laws since the passage of the Charter Schools Act of 1992, and a measure that allows college athletes to earn compensation for the use of their own name, image, or likeness.

On Friday morning, October 4, 2019, Governor Newsom signed a number of higher education bills including several that have implications for the community college system. We highlight those bills as well as a number of others that have been signed since the September 14 end-of-session deadline below:

- **Assembly Bill (AB) 2** (Santiago, D-Los Angeles) expands access to the California College Promise Program by allowing students who are part of Disabled Students Programs and Services to qualify even if they are not enrolled in a full-time course load
- **AB 5** (Gonzalez, D-San Diego) codifies the California Supreme Court *Dynamex* decision, requiring that employers prove that their workers can meet a three-part (ABC) test in order to be lawfully classified as independent contractors (see "[Governor Newsom Officially Signs AB 5 Into Law](#)" in the current *Community College Update*)
- **AB 30** (Holden, D-Pasadena) streamlines the process for developing College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP) partnerships by changing the conditions of how CCAP partnership agreements may be adopted, authorizing high school pupils to complete only one community college application for the duration of their attendance, and extends the sunset of the CCAP partnership from January 1 2022, to January 1, 2027
- **AB 540** (Limon, D-Santa Barbara) establishes the California Dreamer Service Incentive Grant Program for students that qualify for the exemption from nonresident tuition established by AB 540 (Firebaugh)
- **AB 463** (Cervantes, D-Riverside) requires the Chancellor's Office to develop materials to increase awareness of the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program for faculty and requires a community college district (CCD) to annually provide an enrolled faculty member with notice of renewal and a copy of the employment certification form required to be completed for purposes of the program
- **AB 695** (Medina, D-Riverside) extends the sunset on CCDs' authority to enter into design-build public works contracts
- **AB 943** (Chiu, D-San Francisco) authorizes the use of funding from the California Community Colleges (CCC) Student Equity and Achievement Program for emergency student financial assistance to help students overcome unforeseen financial challenges that would prevent them from completing their course of study
- **AB 1090** (Medina, D-Riverside) expands an existing exemption from mandatory systemwide tuition and fees at the CCC, California State University (CSU), and University of California (UC) for an eligible

survivor of active duty law enforcement or firefighters who died in the line of duty to also exempt these eligible survivors from mandatory campus-based fees

- **AB 1278** (Gabriel, D-Encino) requires CCC and CSU, and requests UC campuses, to include information about public services and programs including CalFresh, housing resources, and mental health services on their student web portals
- **AB 1313** (Rivas, D-Arleta) prohibits any postsecondary educational institution from withholding a student's request for a transcript because that student owes money to the institution
- **AB 1452** (O'Donnell, D-Long Beach) makes assorted technical changes to the Defined Benefit Program and Cash Balance Benefit Program administered by the California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS)
- **AB 1504** (Medina) requires a CCC campus to collect a student representation fee of \$2 per semester or per quarter at the time of [registration](#) (student can opt out) if the CCC has a student body association, with \$1 to be used to establish and support the operation of the Student Senate for California Community Colleges
- **AB 1774** (Bonta, D-Alameda) authorizes the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) to postpone an [application](#) deadline for up to 30 calendar days for any [financial aid](#) program CSAC administers for regions that have experienced natural disasters, states of emergency, or labor actions
- **Senate Bill (SB) 150** (Beall, D-San Jose) relaxes the requirements and process for recipients of the Chafee Educational and Training Vouchers award, which provides financial aid to current and former foster youth enrolled in qualifying institutions of higher education
- **SB 390** (Umberg, D-Santa Ana) requires all security guards working on school and community college district campuses to complete the latest training developed by the Department of Consumer Affairs and specifies that local educational agencies must provide the training to all security guards during their regular work hours
- **SB 554** (Roth, D-Riverside) provides a streamlined approach for adults enrolled in High School Equivalency programs to concurrently enroll in one or more community college course without tuition or fees
- **SB 586** (Roth) requires the governing board of a school and community college district to consult with the appropriate local workforce development board to ensure their career technical [education program](#) is aligned with regional and statewide employment needs

Generally, unless a later date is specified in the bill, all of these measures will go into effect beginning January 1, 2020. AB 1774, as an urgency clause that had to clear a supermajority threshold in the Legislature, went into effect immediately upon the Governor's signature.

Governor Newsom has until Sunday, October 13, 2019, to sign or veto legislation approved by the Legislature this year. Rarely used, the Governor may also choose not to take action on a bill, which has the same effect as if he had signed it. We will provide a "Top Legislative Issues" article detailing all of the Governor's final actions on significant community college bills that made it to his desk on Friday, October 18, 2019.