

# 2020–21 State Budget Trailer Bill—California Community Colleges System Support Program

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On January 10, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom proposed a streamlining of support and technical assistance for California Community Colleges. To better coordinate the delivery of systemwide technical assistance and initiatives, the 2020–21 State Budget proposes consolidating the technical assistance set-asides for several categorical programs and several systemwide initiatives into a streamlined system of support.

Programs including Extended Opportunity Programs and Services, Student Equity and Achievement, and other categoricals have set aside funding for the Chancellor’s Office ranging from 1% to 5% of the funds appropriated. Trailer bill language proposes to repeal those set aside provisions and instead create a new California Community Colleges System Support Program (Program), which would have an appropriation of \$125 million. Funds appropriated for this Program will be allocated by the Board of Governors to one or more community college districts for systemwide support activities such as:

- Program and administrative costs to support the development, implementation, and evaluation of certain categorical programs
- Program and administrative costs relating to improving the fiscal health and stability of districts
- Media campaigns, including administrative costs, for the California Community Colleges regarding affordability, transfer to four-year universities, and outreach to non-English-speaking households
- Support for activities that promote, or respond to concerns relating to, institutional effectiveness and improvement
- Technology services
- Program and administrative costs to increase the number of courses available through the use of technology
- Expenditures for transfer education and articulation projects and common course numbering projects

The Board of Governors would be responsible for adopting procedures for this program’s implementation and approving a budget for the Program no later than September 30. The funds would be available for encumbrance or expenditure for three fiscal years.