

# Lottery Instructional Materials and BOG Changes in Trailer Bill



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On Saturday, August 22, 2020, Senate Bill (SB) 820 and Assembly Bill (AB) 1865 were introduced to make changes to the education portion of the 2020–21 State Budget. There are two provisions related to community colleges:

- Both bills would add a new section to the Government Code (Government Code Section [GC §] 8880.4.1) to clarify the definition of “instructional materials” as specified in GC § 8880.4(a)(2)(B), which is related to the requirement of local school agencies and community colleges to use Proposition 20 Lottery funds on instructional materials. Both bills would clarify that instructional materials for this purpose “include, but are not limited to, laptop computers and devices that provide internet access for use by pupils, students, teachers, and faculty as learning resources,” thus providing more flexibility in the use of these funds.
- With regard to the Board of Governors (BOG), both bills would add a 17th voting member, the Lieutenant Governor, who already sits as a member of both the University of California Board of Regents and the California State University Board of Trustees.

Both bills are working their way through the Legislature this week. SB 820 was heard yesterday in an informational hearing of the Assembly Subcommittee on Budget Process Oversight and Program Evaluation, which is the subcommittee that comprises all the chairs of the various, topical subcommittees like Education Finance. The Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee will hear the corresponding AB 1865, which makes these same changes. From there, one of these bills will be voted on by both houses and sent to Governor Gavin Newsom by August 31, 2020, the end of the legislative session. As a budget bill, their changes to law are immediate.