

# DISCUSSION ITEM

## **Baccalaureate Pilot Program Task Force Proposal**

The proposal is based upon SB 850, which was referred to the Higher Ed committee on June 2.

Following is the amended preamble to the bill:

This bill would, commencing January 1, 2015, authorize the board of governors, in consultation with the California State University and the University of California, to establish a statewide baccalaureate degree pilot program at not more than 15 community college districts, to be determined by the chancellor and approved by the board of governors, which would authorize each participating campus within the district to offer one type of baccalaureate degree at one campus within the district, as specified. The bill would require a district baccalaureate degree pilot program commence by the beginning of the 2017–18 academic year, and would require a student participating in a baccalaureate degree pilot program to complete his or degree by the end of the 2022–23 academic year. The bill would require a participating community college districts to meet specified requirements, including, but not limited to, offering baccalaureate degrees not offered by the California State University or the University of California, and in subject areas with unmet workforce needs, as specified.

This bill would also require the governing board of a participating community college district to submit certain information for review by the chancellor and approval by the board of governors, including the administrative plan for the baccalaureate degree pilot program. The bill would provide that the Department of Finance and the Legislative Analyst's Office shall jointly conduct a statewide evaluation of the statewide baccalaureate degree pilot program implemented under this article, as specified, and to report the results of the evaluation, in writing, to the Legislature and the Governor on or before July 1, 2021. The bill would provide that the board of governors shall develop, and adopt by regulation, a funding model for the support of the statewide baccalaureate degree pilot program as specified.

This bill would make these provisions inoperative on July 1, 2023, and would repeal the provisions on January 1, 2024.

The task force would be charged with making a recommendation as to whether the college should participate in the pilot program. If this was affirmative, the task force would also propose which degree(s) should be offered.