

## Affordability

**AB 1583** (Santiago, D-Los Angeles) Community Colleges: Enrollment Fee Waiver and Additional Assistance-As amended on March 15, 2016, this bill would raise the amount of income a student can earn and still qualify for a Board of Governors (BOG) fee waiver to no lower than three times the current federal poverty level and lowers the amount of unmet financial need a student needs to demonstrate to qualify for a fee waiver to at least one dollar. The bill would require the BOG by January 1, 2018, to ensure a fee waiver application is available to be completed and submitted electronically by students at each community college. The bill would require the BOG to establish a need-based aid program to provide fee waiver recipients with financial resources, not to exceed \$1,000 per student per year, for the purpose of offsetting a portion of the costs associated with the purchase of books, supplies, transportation, and other general living expenses.

**AB 1741** (Rodriguez, D-Pomona) California College Promise Innovation Grant Program- This bill would establish the California College Promise Innovation Grant Program, which would require the chancellor to distribute multiyear grants to the governing boards of community college districts to support the establishment of regional programs with the goals of increasing college preparation, college access, and

In order to receive a grant, the governing board of a community college district shall partner with one or more school districts and one or more California State University or University of California campuses to establish a California College Promise program that includes:

- Partnering with one or more school districts to establish an Early Commitment to College Program to provide students and families assistance that includes learning about college opportunities visiting campuses taking and completing college preparatory courses, and applying for college and financial aid
- Partnering with one or more school districts to support and improve high school student preparation for college through practices that may include small learning communities, concurrent enrollment, and other evidence-based practices
- Utilizing placement and student assessment indicators that include multiple measures of student performance, including grades in high school courses, overall grade point averages, results from common assessments, and input from counselors
- Providing each student, who participates in an Early Commitment to College Program pledge, the first semester at the community college tuition free
- Partnering with regional California State University campuses to ensure guaranteed admission and seamless transfer for students who have successfully completed transfer requirements

This bill would appropriate \$25 million for this purpose.

**AB 2681** (O'Donnell, D-Long Beach) Public Education: California College Promise Grant Program-This bill would establish the California College Promise Grant Program, until January 1, 2022, to provide planning grants to eligible school districts and community college districts to establish College and Career Access Pathways partnerships. The bill would set the maximum grant amount under this program at \$25,000.

The bill would appropriate \$1 million for this purpose.

**AB 2750** (Gomez, D-Los Angeles) Postsecondary Education: Exemption from Nonresident Tuition-Existing law exempts a student, other than a nonimmigrant alien from paying nonresident tuition at the California Community Colleges if the student meets certain requirements, including either high school attendance in California for three or more years or the attainment of credits earned in California from a California high school equivalent to three or more years of full-time high school coursework and a total of

three or more years of attendance in California elementary or secondary schools, or a combination of those schools.

This bill would delete the requirement of a total of three or more years of attendance in California elementary or secondary schools, or a combination of those schools, as referenced above. The bill would also add the requirement that a student be born after January 1, 1980.

**AB 2822** (Chin, D-San Jose) Student Financial Aid: Student Success and Support Program: Emergency Student Financial Aid Assistance--This bill would authorize the use of Student Success and Support Program funds for the provision of emergency student financial assistance to eligible students if emergency student financial assistance is included in an institution's plan for interventions to students.

### **State Budget and Education Finance**

**AB 1846** (Lopez, D-San Fernando) Adult Education Consortium Program-This bill would appropriate \$250 million every fiscal year from the General Fund to the California Community Colleges and the California Department of Education for ongoing support of the adult education consortium program.

**AB 2222** (Holden, D-Pasadena) Transit Passes-This bill would appropriate \$50 million annually from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund for the Transit Pass Program to support transit pass programs of public agencies that provide free or reduced-fare transit passes to public school students and community college, California State University, and University of California students.

**AB 2412** (Chang, R-Diamond Bar) Community Colleges: Incentive Grant Program for Completion of Industry-Recognized Credentials-This bill would, commencing with the 2017-18 academic year, establish an incentive grant program for the completion of industry-recognized credentials in specified occupational areas by students enrolled at participating campuses of the California Community Colleges. The bill would require a community college campus that receives an incentive grant award to use the funds to improve its workforce development and career technical education programs. Each California Community College that participates in the program will be granted \$1,000 for each eligible industry-recognized credential in specified occupational areas earned by a community college student.

**AB 2429** (Thurmond, D-Richmond) School District and Community College District Bonds-Existing law prohibits the total amount of bonds issued by a school or community college district from exceeding 1.25% of the taxable property of the district, only if the tax rate levied would not exceed \$30 per year, per \$100,000 of taxable property.

This bill would raise that limit to 2%.

Existing law authorizes a community college district to issue bonds receiving at least 55% of the votes cast on the proposition of issuing the bonds that, in aggregation with bonds issued with a two-thirds favorable vote, do not exceed 2.5% of the taxable property of the district, but only if the tax rate levied would not exceed \$25 per year, per \$100,000 of taxable property.

This bill would raise that limit to 4%.

**Senate Bill 1460** (Leno, D-San Francisco) Community Colleges: Funding: San Francisco Community College District-This bill would require the board of governors, for the 2017-18, 2018-19, and 2019-20 fiscal years to provide to the San Francisco Community College District a revenue adjustment for the restoration of the reduction in apportionments.