

Government Relations Update

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Bills of Interest – 2015 California Legislative Session

AB176 (Bonta) **Data Collection**

This bill would require the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, the Trustees of the California State University, the Regents of the University of California, and each campus of the California Community Colleges, the California State University, and the University of California, whenever they collect demographic data as to the ancestry or ethnic origin of students, to use specified collection categories and tabulations for each major Asian group and each major Pacific Island group, as specified, and to include that data using those categories in every demographic report on ancestry or ethnic origins of students. *(STATUS: Assembly Higher Ed Committee hearing set for April 7)*

NOTE: This bill has been amended to provide for more time to develop a system to collect data on Asian-Pacific Islanders. As amended, the system would have until 2020 to comply.

CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT

AB 288 (Holden) **Public schools: College and Career Access Pathways partnerships**

This bill would authorize the governing board of a community college district to enter into a College and Career Access Pathways partnership with the governing board of a school district located within its service area with the goal of developing seamless pathways from high school to community college for career technical education or preparation for transfer, improving high school graduation rates, or helping high school pupils achieve college and career readiness. *(STATUS: Assembly Higher Ed Committee hearing set for April 7)*

NOTE: This bill was amended March 23 in an attempt to garner support from CTA and CFT.

SB 186 (Jackson) **Community college districts: removal, suspension, or expulsion**

This bill would authorize the governing board of a community college district to remove, suspend, or expel a student for conduct occurring off of the community college district property, as specified. *(STATUS: Ordered to second reading)*

NOTE: The Chancellor's Office has not yet taken a position on this bill.

SB 114 (Liu) **Education facilities: Kindergarten Through Grade 12 Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016**

This was previously a K-University bond, but has been amended to remove higher education. The Chancellor's Office, in addition to representatives from the CSU and UC systems, testified that higher education has facility needs equaling \$38 billion over the next 10 years. *(STATUS: Committee on Education)*

SB 42 (Liu) **Postsecondary education: California Commission on Higher Education Performance and Accountability**

Existing law establishes the California Postsecondary Education Commission (CPEC) as the statewide postsecondary education coordinating and planning agency, and provides for its functions and responsibilities. Existing law also provides for the composition of CPEC's membership. This bill would change the composition of, and rename, CPEC as the California Commission on Higher Education Performance and Accountability, and would recast and revise its various functions and responsibilities. *(STATUS: Approved by committee)*

NOTE: The Chancellor's Office staff indicated that it is unlikely that Gov. Brown would be interested in restoring this commission.

Hearing Schedule

Assembly Higher Education Committee (April 7)

- AB 176 (Bonta) Data collection.
- AB 206 (Mark Stone) Student financial aid: California DREAM Work-Study Program.
- AB 288 (Holden) Public schools: College and Career Access Pathways partnerships.
- AB 393 (Roger Hernández) Veteran Resource Centers Grant Program.
- AB 404 (Chiu) Community colleges: accreditation.
- AB 421 (Calderon) Community colleges: veterans counselor.
- AB 542 (Wilk) Community colleges: early and middle college high schools.
- AB 636 (Medina) Postsecondary education: student safety.
- AB 653 (Levine) Postsecondary education: intersegmental coordination in governance.
- AB 767 (Santiago) Community colleges: emergency preparedness standards.
- AB 831 (Bonilla) Student financial aid: Cal Grant Program. (Urgency)
- AB 889 (Chang) Concurrent enrollment in secondary school and community college.
- AB 913 (Santiago) Student safety.
- AB 967 (Williams) Postsecondary education: sexual assault cases.
- AB 968 (Williams) Postsecondary education: transcripts.
- AB 969 (Williams) Community college districts: removal, suspension, or expulsion.

Senate Education Committee (April 8)

- SB 15 (Block) Postsecondary education: financial aid.
- SB 373 (Pan) California Community Colleges: overload assignments and full-time faculty percentage.
- SB 418 (Morrell) Public postsecondary education: attendance.
- SB 425 (Hernandez) Career technical education. (Urgency)
- SB 436 (Committee on Education) Education: omnibus bill.
- SB 605 (Gaines) Community colleges: exemption from nonresident tuition fee: Lake Tahoe CCD.

More information can be found on these bills at www.leginfo.legislature.ca.gov