

Government Relations Update

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Today was the deadline on the legislative calendar to approve bills with a fiscal effect. Bills that are “held” in the Suspense File do not proceed any further this year.

HELD BY THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEES

AB 148 (Holden) K-14 School Investment Bond Act of 2016. AB 148 places an initiative on a statewide election ballot for a bond to fund K-12 and community college facilities projects. The election date and dollar amount are unspecified at this time.

AB 393 (Roger Hernández) Veteran Resource Centers Grant Program. AB 393 establishes the Veteran Resource Centers Grant Program for veteran resource centers at community colleges.

AB 421 (Calderon) Community Colleges: Veterans Counselor. AB 421 requires the governing board of a community college district to provide a veteran’s counselor at each college in their district.

AB 490 (Alejo) Community Colleges: Community College Extended Opportunity Programs. AB 490 appropriates \$40,000,000 to the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges for Extended Opportunity Programs and Services.

AB 889 (Chang) Concurrent Enrollment in Secondary School and Community College. AB 889 authorizes a community college district to assign an enrollment priority to high school students participating in a STEM partnership who seek to enroll in college math and science courses.

SB 247 (Lara) Dream Centers: Educational Support Services. SB 247 would authorize the governing board of a community college district to establish on-campus Dream Centers to provide educational support services for undocumented students.

SB 373 (Pan) California Community Colleges: Overload Assignment. SB 373 requires community college districts to report to the Board of Governors, by March 31, 2016, the total number of full-time equivalent faculty attributable to part-time temporary faculty and to contract or regular faculty while working on overload assignments.

SB 665 (Block) Postsecondary Education: Preventing and Addressing Incidents of Rape and Sexual Assault. SB 665 would establish a Title IX oversight office within the California Department of Justice and requires that colleges provide sexual assault awareness training to all students on an annual basis.

BILLS OF INTEREST [PASSED BY THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEES](#)

AB 288 (Holden) Public Schools: College and Career Access Pathways Partnerships. AB 288 encourages a modest expansion of voluntary dual enrollment partnerships by reducing fiscal penalties and policy barriers that currently limit such collaborations.

AB 542 (Wilk) Community Colleges: Early and Middle College High Schools. AB 542 exempts Early College High School and Middle College High School students from the lowest priority enrollment consideration.

AB 770 (Irwin) Community Colleges: Basic Skills and Innovation Strategies. AB 770 creates the Community Colleges Basic Skills Innovation Program, which would establish a fund in the Chancellor's Office to provide grants to selected community college districts which seek to improve their basic skills programming.

AB 907 (Burke) Career Training: Adult Students. AB 907 authorizes the Superintendent of Public Instruction to certify that each regional occupational center or program, county office of education, or adult education program that provides workforce training programs is legally eligible to participate in federal Title IV programs, of the Higher Education Act of 1965.

SB 15 (Block) Postsecondary Education: Financial Aid. SB 15 would establish the Graduation Incentive Grant program for transfer students at the California State University. The bill would also increase the number of Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards from 22,500 to 30,000 annual awards.

SB 42 (Liu) Commission on Higher Education Performance. SB 42 revises the California Postsecondary Education Commission and creates the California Commission on Higher Education Performance and Accountability.

SB 114 (Liu) Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016. Similar, to AB 148, SB 114 places an initiative on the November 2016 statewide ballot for a bond to fund facilities projects at K-12 schools, community colleges, CSU, and UC. SB 114 does not specify a dollar amount.

SB 425 (Hernandez) Career Technical Education. SB 425 authorizes the Superintendent of Public Instruction to provide state certification that allows regional occupational centers and programs, county offices of education, or adult schools that provide workforce training programs to continue participating in federal student financial assistance programs.

BILLS OF INTEREST [PASSED WITH AMENDMENTS](#)

AB 13 (Chávez) Public Postsecondary Education. AB 13 applies only to community colleges and exempts nonresident students enrolled at a community college using Federal GI bill education benefits from paying out of state tuition to align state law with the federal law, the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014. [Passed with amendments](#) to be effective on July 1, 2015.

AB 82 (Garcia) US Selective Service: Financial Aid Ineligibility. AB 82 establishes a program through the Department of Motor Vehicles to register males between 18 and 26 years old for Selective Service when they submit an application for an original or a renewal of a driver's license. [Passed with amendments](#) deleting the requirement for the bill to be effective only if costs do not exceed \$350,000 (DMV stated their costs are expected to be higher).

AB 176 (Bonta) Data Collection. AB 176 requires the segments of higher education and State Department of Public Health to collect data on specified Asian and Pacific Islander subgroups and post the data on their respective websites by July 2016. [Passed with amendments](#) to delete inclusion of UC graduate students and the Department of Public Health.

AB 200 (Alejo) Student Financial Aid: Competitive Cal Grants Awards. AB 200 increases the total number of Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards granted annually over a period of three years from 22,500 up to a maximum of 100,000 awards by 2018-19. [Passed with amendments](#) for 50,000 grants in 2016-17 and 50,000 in 2017-18.

AB 340 (Weber) Postsecondary Education: Campus Climate Report. AB 340 requires governing bodies of the higher education systems to submit a report once every two years to the legislature on campus climate. [Passed with amendments](#) requiring the Chancellor's Office to request information from the colleges and base their report on the responses.

AB 626 (Low) Community College: Employees. AB 626 would repeal the requirement to expend a portion of the program improvement allocation to increase the ratio of full-time to part-time faculty and instead require expenditures of Student Success and Support Program funds enable community colleges to reach the 75 percent standard for full-time instruction. [Passed with amendments](#) to delete the recalculations and required stakeholders to develop a plan to reach the 75 percent goal and report back to the Legislature.

AB 967 (Williams) Sexual Assault Case Procedures. AB 967 requires the governing board of each community college district to adopt and carry out a uniform process for disciplinary proceedings relating to any claims of sexual assault. [Passed with amendments](#) to include a sunset date in five years, an annual reporting requirement, and clarification regarding who receives the report from the segments.

AB 1091 (E. Garcia) Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant Program. AB 1091 requires the California Student Aid Commission to develop and make available on its Internet Web site an electronic graduation verification template for use by school districts to input and upload graduation verification data for students. [Passed with amendments](#) striking Section 3 and 4 of the bill.

AB 1366 (Lopez) Public Postsecondary Education: Dream Resource Centers. AB 1366 would require the governing boards of community college districts to establish on-campus Dream Resource Centers to provide educational support services for undocumented students. [Passed with amendments](#) to defer mandates to 2017-18 with colleges that have 500 or more AB 540 students and authorizes staff from other campuses to provide assistance.

NOT SET/NO ACTION

AB 1088 (O'Donnell) Education Facilities Bond Act: Greene Act. AB 1088 places an initiative on a statewide election ballot for a bond to fund Kindergarten through University system facilities projects. **AB 1088 is now a two-year bill. It is still with the Assembly Appropriations Committee, but was not acted on.**