

Department of Finance May Revision for 2015-16 (Excerpt)

(3)(A) ~~\$2,500,000~~ \$5,500,000 may be used by the chancellor to provide technical assistance to community college districts that demonstrate low performance in any area of operations. It is the intent of the Legislature that technical assistance providers be contracted in a cost-effective manner, that they primarily consist of experts who are current and former employees of the California community colleges; and that they provide technical assistance consistent with the vision for the California community colleges.

(B) Technical assistance funded pursuant to this paragraph that is initiated by the chancellor may be provided at no cost to the district. If a community college district requests technical assistance, the district is required to spend at least \$1 from local or other resources for every \$2 received as determined by the chancellor. . .

(4)(A) \$12,000,000 may be used by the chancellor to provide regional and online workshops and trainings to community college personnel to promote statewide priorities including, but not limited to: strategies to improve student achievement; strategies to improve community college operations; and system leadership training to better coordinate planning, implementation, and outcomes of statewide initiatives. To the extent possible, the chancellor shall partner with existing statewide initiatives with proven results of improving student success and institutional effectiveness. Beginning in the 2016-17 fiscal year, the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges shall submit a report on the use of these funds in the prior year to the Department of Finance and the Joint Legislative Budget Committee no later than October 1 of each year.

(B) Funding available pursuant to this paragraph may be utilized by the chancellor to coordinate with community college districts to develop and disseminate effective practices through the establishment of an online clearinghouse of information. The development of effective practices shall include, but not be limited to, statewide priorities such as the development of educational programs or courses for the incarcerated, educational programs or courses for California Conservation Corps members, and other effective practices.

(C) It is the intent of the Legislature to encourage the chancellor to facilitate the development of local community college courses for Conservation Corps and the incarcerated.

(2)(A) ~~\$170,000,000~~ \$185,000,000 shall be allocated to community college districts to implement student equity plans pursuant to Article 1.5 of Chapter 2 of Part 48 of Division 7 of Title 3 of the Education Code. These plans shall be coordinated with the Student Success and Support Program plans, pursuant to Section 78216 of the Education Code, and the Student Success Scorecard, pursuant to Section 84754.5 of the Education Code.

(B) These funds shall be allocated by the chancellor to community college districts using a methodology that ensures that districts with a greater proportion or number of students who have high needs receive more resources to provide services to these students. The chancellor shall ensure that the allocation methodology reflects the inclusion of foster youth within the proportion or number of high needs students.

(C) Consistent with the intent of Chapter 771, Statutes of 2014 and within the funds allocated to community college districts pursuant to this paragraph, the chancellor shall enter into agreements with up to 10 community college districts to provide additional services in support of postsecondary education for foster youth. Further, the Chancellor shall ensure that the list of eligible expenditures developed pursuant to subdivision (d) of Education Code Section 78221 includes expenditures that are consistent with the intent of Chapter 771, Statutes of 2014.