



Legislative Update

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College



Support

AB 17 (Holden) Transit Passes

STATUS: *Vetoed by Governor*

ACTION: Letter of Support

Free or reduced cost Transit Pass Program for high school and college students. Bill vetoed due to duplicate programs offered by transit agencies (i.e. Metro Student TAP Cards)

AB 21 (Kalra) Access to Higher Education for Every Student (DACA)

STATUS: *Signed by Governor*

ACTION: Letter of Support

Requires universities and colleges to establish policies and procedures related to immigration officers on-campus. Policies include non-disclosure of personal information about students, faculty, and staff. Institutions must adopt policies by March 1, 2019.

Support

AB 705 (Irwin) Multiple Measures

STATUS: *Signed by Governor*

ACTION: *Letter of Support*

Requires community colleges to use high school transcript data in the assessment process for English and mathematics by August 1, 2018. Colleges must also establish concurrent support courses for students enrolled in English and mathematics during the semester.

AB 795 (Gipson) Free Tax Filing and Reporting Act of 2017

STATUS: *Held in Assembly Revenue and Taxation*

ACTION: *Letter of Support*

Provides institutions that serve as a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site during tax season with community outreach funds to promote the program on campus.

Support

SB 577 (Dodd) Teacher Credentialing Programs

STATUS: *Assembly Higher Education*

ACTION: *Letter of Support*

CA Community Colleges to offer teacher-credentialing programs.

2017-2018 California State Budget: Assist the Compton Community College District

STATUS: *Signed by Governor*

ACTION: *Letter of Support*

\$11.3M to re-establish Compton College Center as an accredited California Community College.

Concerns

AB 387 (Thurmond) Minimum Wage: Health Interns

STATUS: *Ordered Inactive at bill author's request*

ACTION: Met with local Legislators regarding the bill's potential negative impact to College's Health Occupation programs

Would require health care entities to pay allied health students minimum wage for time spent in clinical or experiential training that is required for state licensure. Opposition forced the bill's author to abandon the legislation due to the unintended consequences of minimum wage increases.

Opposed

AB 1435 (Gonzalez Fletcher) The Athlete Protection Act

STATUS: *Held in Senate Education*

ACTION: Letter of Opposition

Would establish an Athlete Protection Commission with duties to protect collegiate athletes from athlete abuse, access to adequate medical care and information, and their ability to attend school. Bill was held in Senate Education Committee due to possible unintended consequences (costs) to institutions.

Actions Taken by Governor Brown

AB 1018 (Reyes) Student Equity Plans

STATUS: Signed by Governor

Requires the governing board to include homeless, LGBTQ, and additional categories of students as determined by the district in its student equity plans to receive funding.

AB 1567 (Holden) Foster Youth

STATUS: Signed by Governor

CA Dept of Social Services and county welfare departments to share information regarding foster youth at CSUs and CCCs. Requires each campus to inform current or former foster youth of financial aid eligibility.

Actions Taken by Governor Brown

AB 19 (Santiago) College Promise Program

STATUS: Signed by Governor

Free community college access for one academic year. College Promise Programs to receive funds to waive fees for first-time community college students.

AB 504 (Medina) Student Success and Support Program (SSSP) Funding Changes

STATUS: Signed by Governor

- Student equity remains uneven
- Modifies criteria for student equity plans to establish a standard methodology for measurement of equity and disproportionate impact for student subgroups.
- Chancellor's office to set new criteria

Actions Taken by Governor Brown

AB 637 (Medina) Cross Enrollment in Online Education

STATUS: Signed by Governor

Students who meet requirements can enroll in online courses provided by another CCC through the Online Education Initiative (OEI) Consortium.

AB 766 (Friedman) Foster Youth

STATUS: Signed by Governor

Minor foster youth (under 18) attending college are left without housing. The bill closes that loophole and improves access to college, making sure that Aid to Families with Dependent Children-Foster Care (AFDC-FC) payments can be made to a minor living in a college dormitory. Prohibits CCCs and CSUs from considering AFDC-FC payments when determining a minor's eligibility for a fee waiver or any other financial aid.

Actions Taken by Governor Brown

SB 12 (Beall) Foster Youth in Higher Education

STATUS: Signed by Governor

The bill requires every county child welfare agency to assist foster youth in the financial aid application process. It requires the Student Aid Commission to work with the State Department of Social Services to develop an automated system to verify a student's foster youth status for applying for federal Pell Grants

SB 233 (Beall) Foster Youth Records

STATUS: Signed by Governor

Would grant caregivers the ability to access their foster child's education records for the benefit of the child's educational success. Current law does not allow access to caregivers, but gives access to biological parents. Would realign technical statutory to include educational contact information regarding a child's health and education records.

Actions Taken by Governor Brown

AB 214 (Weber) Student Hunger

STATUS: Signed by Governor

Streamlines coordination between CA Department of Social Services to improve enrollment of low-income students in CalFresh. The bill would also require the California Student Aid Commission to notify students receiving state grants their eligibility for CalFresh. About **80%** of Cerritos College students could qualify for the state's CalFresh program.