



## 2006-2017

### Previously Sponsored & Supported Legislation:

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#### 2017

**AB 705:** Community College Assessment & Placement Practices

**Author:** Assemblymember Irwin

**Status:** Signed by Governor

**Campaign Position:** Sponsor

AB 705 will help more students have access to college-level courses when they first enter a community college and ensure they succeed in completing a degree, certificate, or transfer. Specifically, this bill required colleges to use high school performance in the placement of students into math and English courses, in order to maximize the probability that the student will enter and complete transfer-level coursework in English and mathematics within a one-year timeframe.

**AB 847:** Academic senates: membership

**Author:** Assemblymember Bocanegra

**Status:** Held by Author in Senate Education Committee

**Campaign Position:** Sponsor

AB 847 will help provide a more complete picture of leadership diversity at colleges and universities by ensuring access to information on the representation of academic senates.

**SB 539:** The Community College Student Achievement Program

**Author:** Senators de León & Portantino

**Status:** Included in 2017-18 State Budget

**Campaign Position:** Support

SB 529 remove barriers to student success by creating clearer, more structured pathways known as "guided pathways." The guided pathways model is a comprehensive redesign of the way community colleges serve students, from initial contact to completion, that when done well, can dramatically improve student outcomes.

SB 529 also recognizes the importance of financial aid to a student's ability to stay on track and take the necessary units to complete a degree, certificate or transfer and establishes the Community College Completion Incentive Grant. This grant will provide an additional \$4,000 in financial aid to community college students receiving the existing Full-Time Student Success Grant, if they complete 15 units.

**AB 204:** Community colleges: waiver of enrollment fees

**Author:** Assemblymember Medina

**Status:** Held in Senate Appropriations

**Campaign Position:** Support

AB 204 improves the appeals process for California Community College students who lose their Board of



Governors (BOG) Fee Waiver under new academic qualification standards.

**AB 394:** California State University: assessment and course placement of admitted students

**Author:** Assemblymember Medina

**Status:** Included in 2017-18 State Budget

**Campaign Position:** Support

AB 394 will help more students successfully complete and reduce time-to-degree by requiring the California State University to implement additional measures for the assessment and course placement of students.

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## 2016

**AB 1741:** California Promise Innovation Grant

**Author:** Assemblymember Rodriguez

**Status:** Signed by Governor

**Campaign Position:** Support

Builds off of investments made in the 2016 State Budget Act to establish the California College Promise Innovation Grant Program which will help develop and strengthen regional college partnership programs across the state.

**AB 801:** Homeless Youth Success in Higher Education Act

**Author:** Assemblymember Bloom

**Status:** Signed by Governor

**Campaign Position:** Support

This bill qualifies homeless youth to receive the same priority enrollment given to foster youth in state universities and community colleges. It requires the designation of a single point of contact to assist homeless and foster youth to access and complete higher education. Additionally, it requires schools to post public notice about financial and other assistance available to homeless and foster youth. It adds homeless youth to required training elements of the Community College Student Financial Aid Outreach Program and gives homeless youth eligibility to serve under the Student Opportunity and Access Program. The bill also adds homeless youth who meet minimum academic requirements to the populations exempt from community college fees.

**SB 906:** Priority Enrollment Systems

**Author:** Senator Beall

**Status:** Signed by Governor

**Campaign Position:** Support

Promotes college attainment for foster youth, low-income students and students with disabilities by ensuring priority registration remains available for these students.

**SB 1050:** Postsecondary Education: College Readiness

**Author:** Senators de León & Hernandez

**Status:** Signed by Governor

**Campaign Position:** Support



Establishes a stronger pipeline from high school – particularly for those schools that enroll 75% or more low-income, English learner, and foster youth – to college by increasing the number of students prepared and eligible for admission to a four-year university while ensuring more qualified California high school students find their rightful spot at a UC campus.

**AB 1721:** Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant Program

**Author:** Senator Beall

**Status:** Signed by Governor

**Campaign Position:** Support

Promotes college attainment for foster youth, low-income students and students with disabilities by ensuring priority registration remains available for these students.

**AB 2822:** Emergency Financial Assistance

**Author:** Assemblymember Chiu

**Status:** Held by Author

**Campaign Position:** Support

Will provide guidance and support to community college districts and campuses who wish to establish emergency aid programs. Programs will help students continue to pursue their educational goals through unforeseen financial emergencies by sustaining students with emergency grants.

**AB 1837:** Postsecondary Education: Office of Higher Education Performance

**Author:** Assemblymember Chiu

**Status:** Held by Author

**Campaign Position:** Support

Establishes the Office of Higher Education Performance and Accountability (OHEPA) to provide statewide postsecondary education planning and coordination.

**AB 2329: Computer Science Strategic Implementation Plan**

**Author:** Assemblymember Bonilla

**Status:** Signed by Governor

**Campaign Position:** Support

Establishes a computer science advisory panel to develop recommendations for how California should expand computer science education and ensure its accessibility to all students in the state.

**AB 2137:** University of California – Student Transfers

**Author:** Assemblymember Santiago

**Status:** Signed by Governor

**Campaign Position:** Support

Establishes the Office of Higher Education Performance and Accountability (OHEPA) to provide statewide postsecondary education planning and coordination.

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## 2015

**AB 770:** Remedial Education Redesign

**Author:** Assemblymember Irwin



**Status:** Held in Senate Appropriations

**Campaign Position:** Sponsor

This bill builds upon the *Basic Skills and Student Outcomes Transformation Program* adopted in the 2015-16 State Budget by providing essential guidance to the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office in administering the program. Specifically, it outlines two levels of funding depending on whether a college is scaling up existing programs or adopting high impact practices for the first time. It also sets aside some of the funds allocated in 2015-16 State Budget for this program, for vital statewide technical assistance, in order to support colleges in the development of their plans.

**AB 176:** Data Collection

**Author:** Assemblymember Bonta

**Status:** Vetoed by Governor

**Campaign Position:** Support

This bill increases access to disaggregated demographic data for the Asian Pacific Islander (API) community in higher education and public health in California. It requires the California Community Colleges, California State University, and the University of California, as well as state health-related departments, to collect data on specified Asian and Pacific Islander subgroups and to make data available to the public on their website.

**AB 200:** Competitive Cal Grant A and B Awards Increase

**Author:** Assemblymembers Alejo and Jones-Sawyer

**Status:** Held by Author in Senate Education

**Campaign Position:** Support

This bill gradually increases the total number of competitive Cal Grant A and B awards that may be granted in an academic year, over a three-year period, from the current cap of 22,500 up to 60,000.

**AB 288:** College and Career Access Pathways partnerships

**Author:** Assemblymember Holden

**Status:** Signed by Governor

**Campaign Position:** Support

This bill establishes the College and Career Access Pathways Act to authorize California Community College (CCC) districts to enter into formal partnership agreements with local school districts to expand access to concurrent enrollment opportunities for high school students with the goal of developing seamless pathways from high school to CCCs for career technical education or preparation for transfer, improving high school graduation rates, or helping high school students achieve college and career readiness.

**AB 801:** Homeless Youth Success in Higher Education Act

**Author:** Assemblymember Bloom

**Status:** Held by Author on Senate Floor

**Campaign Position:** Support

This bill qualifies homeless youth to receive the same priority enrollment given to foster youth in state universities and community colleges. It requires the designation of a single point of contact to assist homeless and foster youth to access and complete higher education. Additionally, it requires schools to post public notice about financial and other assistance available to homeless and foster youth. It adds homeless youth to required training elements of the Community College Student Financial Aid Outreach Program and gives homeless youth eligibility to serve under the Student Opportunity and Access Program. The bill also adds homeless youth who meet minimum academic requirements to the populations exempt from community college fees and provides homeless youth under age 19 who currently reside in CA with



in-state tuition (already in place for foster youth).

**AB 831:** Student financial aid: Cal Grant Program

**Author:** Assemblymember Bonilla

**Status:** Held in Assembly Appropriations

**Campaign Position:** Support

This bill establishes a Cal Grant award formula for students attending private, nonprofit colleges and universities based on the average cost of educating a Cal Grant student at a four-year public institution.

**AB 1016:** Public postsecondary education: Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act

**Author:** Assemblymember Santiago

**Status:** Signed by Governor

**Campaign Position:** Support

This bill requires reporting from the California Community Colleges and California State University related to the Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act.

**AB 1145:** Early Commitment to College: Making California Students College Bound

**Author:** Assemblymember Medina

**Status:** Held by Author in Senate Appropriations

**Campaign Position:** Support

This bill requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to provide participation data to the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) in order to report on the Early Commitment to College Program (SB 890, 2008) – the goal of which is to inform the creation of a stronger program that connects low-income students to higher education.

**SB 15:** A Plan for Higher Education in California

**Author:** Senators Block, de León, and Liu

**Status:** Held by Author in Assembly Higher Education

**Campaign Position:** Support

This bill would establish higher education policies that promote affordability, access, and completion for California students. Specifically, this bill eliminates the University of California's proposed 5% tuition increase; creates 15,500 new slots in California universities (5,000 at UC and 10,500 at CSU); establishes the Graduation Incentive Grant for CSU Students who complete 30 units a year; provides \$25 million to UC and CSU to increase course offerings; invests \$50 million in the UC and CSU to increase student support services; provide 7,500 additional Cal Grant Competitive Awards for students who are not graduating high school seniors or recent graduates; and repeals the 11% Cal Grant Award reduction for students attending private, non-profit universities that is scheduled for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

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

**Author:** Senator Liu

**Status:** Vetoed by Governor

**Campaign Position:** Support

Establishes the Office of Higher Education Performance and Accountability (OHEPA) to provide statewide postsecondary education planning and coordination.



**[SB 1425](#)**: Degree Audit and Retroactive Awarding of Degrees

**Author:** Senator Block

**Status:** Inactive - Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee

**Campaign Position** - Support/Co-Sponsor

This bill would require California Community Colleges to make a degree audit system available to students, college counselors, and other support staff, to enable students to monitor progress toward completion of a certificate or degree, or for transfer to the CSU or the UC. This bill would additionally require community college districts to identify students one-time who have completed degree, certificate, or transfer requirements, and provide the student with the appropriate award.

**[AB 1976](#)**: Student financial aid: Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards

**Author:** Assemblymember Quirk-Silva

**Status:** Vetoed

**Campaign Position** – Support

This bill would require the California Student Aid Commission to calculate a target for awards to be paid in an award year as specified, estimate a take rate for awards by dividing the total number of awards paid by the total number of offers made during the three award years immediately preceding that award year and estimate the number of award offers that the commission may make to achieve the target for awards to be paid.

**[AB 2160](#)**: Cal Grant Program: grade point average

**Author:** Assembly Member Ting

**Status:** Signed by the Governor

**Campaign Position** – Support

This bill would require that each student enrolled in grade 12, except for those who opt out, be deemed a Cal Grant applicant. The bill would require that a grade point average be submitted electronically for all grade 12 pupils at public schools, including charter schools, each academic year, and all other Cal Grant A and B applicants to submit a grade point average in a non-electronic format or to provide test scores in lieu of a grade point average, and provide that grade point averages submitted shall be subject to review by CSAC.

**[AB 2558](#)**: Community colleges: faculty and staff development

**Author:** Assemblymember Williams

**Status:** Signed by the Governor

**Campaign Position** - Support if Amended

This bill establishes the Community College Professional Development Program (CCPDP); and, clarifies that all employees, classified staff and administrators, as well as faculty, are eligible to receive professional development opportunities from participating community college districts.

**[SB 174](#)**: Education Fund for Cal Grant B Access Award

**Author:** Senator de Leon

**Status:** Signed by the Governor



**Campaign Position** – Support

This bill would appropriate money from the Education Fund, after legislative authorization in the annual state budget, to supplement the Cal Grant B access awards for low-income students and to defray the administrative costs incurred by implementing the bill. The increased Cal Grant B access awards that students receive would be capped at \$5,000 per academic year.

**SB 798**: Tax Contributions for Education Fund

**Author**: Senator de Leon

**Status**: Signed by the Governor

**Campaign Position** – Support

This bill, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2014 and before January 1, 2017, would establish the College Access Tax Credit Fund to provide a state tax credit for voluntary contributions into the fund. Contributions to the Fund would be capped at \$500 million dollars per calendar year.

**SB 1022**: Salary Surfer for CSU and UC

**Author**: Senator Huff

**Status**: Signed by the Governor

**Campaign Position** – Support

This bill would require the California State University, and request the University of California, to publicly provide labor market pre-matriculation and outcome information relating to their graduates. The information required by the bill would include, but not necessarily be limited to, salary data, classified by industry.

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## **2013**

**SB 440**: Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act of 2013

**Author**: Senator Padilla

**Status**: Signed by Governor

**Campaign Position**: Sponsor

SB 440 was signed by Governor Brown in October 2013. This bill requires community colleges to create an associate degree for transfer in every major offered by that district college that has an approved transfer model curriculum and to create associate degrees for transfer in areas of emphasis. The bill also requires California State University campuses to accept transfer model curriculum-aligned associate degrees for transfer in each of the California State University degree options within a major field, and accept transfer model curriculum-aligned associate degrees for transfer in each of the specified areas of emphasis. Additionally, SB 440 requires the California State University to develop an admissions redirection process for students admitted pursuant to the Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act who apply for admission to the California State University, but are not accepted into the campuses specifically applied to. Finally, the bill requires the California Community Colleges and the California State University, in consultation with key stakeholders, to develop a student-centered communication and marketing



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strategy in order to increase the visibility of the associate degree for transfer pathway for all students in California.

**SB 195:** California Postsecondary Education: State Goals

**Author:** Senator Liu

**Status:** Signed by Governor

**Campaign Position:** Support

Establishes statewide goals for guiding budget and policy decisions in higher education. Additionally, the bill declares the Legislature's intent to identify and define appropriate metrics and interim targets for the achievement of statewide goals to improve student success, better align degree and credentials and ensure effective and efficient use of resources.

**SB 284:** Income Taxes: Credits: Contributions to Education Funds

**Author:** Senator de León

**Status:** Vetoed by Governor

**Campaign Position:** Support

SB 284 would establish the College Access Tax Credit Fund to provide a state tax credit for voluntary contributions into the fund. Contributions to the Fund would be capped at \$500 million dollars per calendar year.

**SB 285:** Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant Program

**Author:** Senator de León

**Status:** Vetoed by Governor

**Campaign Position:** Support

SB 285 would appropriate moneys from the Fund, after legislative authorization in the annual state budget, to supplement the Cal Grant B access awards for low-income students. The increased Cal Grant B access awards that students receive would be capped at \$5,000 per academic year.

**SB 524:** Pupil Instruction: Pathways Curriculum Task Force

**Author:** Senator Lara

**Status:** Inactive – Held in Assembly Appropriations

**Campaign Position:** Support

The bill would create a one-year Pathways Curriculum Task Force to establish learning goals focused on college and career readiness for students at elementary, middle, and high school levels, and help them achieve these goals.

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## 2012

**SB 1456:** The Student Success Act of 2012

**Author:** Lowenthal

**Status:** Signed by Governor

**Campaign Position:** Sponsor



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SB 1456 was signed into law by Governor Brown in September 2012. This bill enacts some key recommendations of the Student Success Task Force. It provides critical support services to students on the front-end of their educational experience to increase student success by establishing policies to ensure that all students receive orientation, create an education plan, and declare a program of study; targets student success and support funds for the vital matriculation services critical to helping students progress towards their college goals; and, requires campuses to participate in a common assessment system and post a student success campus scorecard as a condition for receiving student success categorical funding. This bill also aligns BOG fee waiver requirements more closely with federal aid standards and authorize the BOG to determine satisfactory academic progress and develop policies that provide statewide guidance to colleges on implementing an intervention and appeals process.

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## 2010

**AB 2302:** Statewide Transfer Pathway Act of 2010

**Author:** Assemblymember Fong

**Status:** Signed by Governor

**Campaign Position:** Sponsor

AB 2302 was signed into law by Governor Schwarzenegger in September of 2010. The legislation is designed to enhance the transfer pathway created in SB 1440. Specifically, this bill will request the University of California to participate in SB 1440's historic transfer reform movement by guaranteeing UC system admission with junior status to a community college student with an associate degree for transfer. In addition, it will ensure that such transfer reform is efficient, student-centered, and does not disadvantage students who are currently enrolled in a community college.

**AB 2542:** Accelerated Student Success College of 2010

**Author:** Assemblymember Conway

**Status:** Inactive – Held in Committee

**Campaign Position:** Sponsor

This legislation was designed to encourage student success at the California Community Colleges, through increased local flexibility with existing funding resources in exchange for increased student completion outcomes. This bill would establish a voluntary pilot program where in exchange for the flexibility of several specified regulations, these colleges would be funded not on the current basis of third week of the semester census, but rather on the number of students successfully completing the semester. As a further incentive, ASSC colleges would be allocated an additional \$1,000 per student who completes an Associate Degree, Certificate, or becomes eligible for transfer above and beyond the college's current completion rate.

**SB 1440:** Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act of 2010

**Author:** Senator Padilla

**Status:** Signed by Governor

**Campaign Position:** Sponsor

SB 1440 was signed into law by Governor Schwarzenegger in September of 2010. This legislation creates a seamless transfer pathway for all California community college students regardless of which college they attend. Community college students who successfully complete 60 units of transferrable coursework will be awarded an associate degree and receive guaranteed admission with junior standing at the CSU.



View updates on the implementation of this legislation here.

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## 2009

**AB 440:** The College Student Success Act of 2009

**Author:** Assemblymember Beall

**Status:** Inactive – Held in Committee

**Campaign Position:** Sponsor

AB 440 would have assured community college students, who fulfill general education transfer requirements to a four-year university and a minimum of 60 semester units, receive an associate of arts degree in transfer studies in recognition of their achievement. As it was when the legislation was introduced, students were not awarded an associate degree at the end of their transfer path. As a result, many transfer students left the community college system with nothing to show for their work. Students that experienced interruptions on their path to obtain a bachelor's degree, often found themselves far less marketable in a competitive economy. While this specific legislation did not pass, it laid important framework for the historic transfer reform efforts of SB 1440 & AB 2302 that were signed into law in 2010.

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## 2008

**SB 890:** Early Commitment to College Bill of 2008

**Author:** Senator Scott

**Status:** Signed by Governor

**Campaign Position:** Sponsor

The bill that created Early Commitment to College (ECC), SB 890 was sponsored by the Campaign for College Opportunity. It enjoyed broad-based bipartisan support and was passed by the legislature and signed into law by Governor Schwarzenegger in September 2008. This act assures that if students sign a pledge to work hard, stay in school, and take the steps they need to make it to college, the state of California promises to make sure there is a spot in college and financial aid available when they get there. There are currently 119 school districts implementing ECC, reaching more than 80,000 students statewide.

**SB 325:** Postsecondary Education: Educational and Economic Goals for California Higher Education

**Author:** Senator Scott

**Status:** Vetoed by Governor

**Campaign Position:** Support



The bill set educational and economic goals for the state. Additionally, the bill created an accountability framework to measure the progress of the state's higher education system in achieving those goals. Finally, the bill created a public process for collecting, reporting and analyzing progress toward the stated goals.

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## 2007

**AB 668:** CCC Financial Aid Opportunity Act of 2007

**Author:** Assemblymember Portantino

**Status:** Signed by the Governor

**Campaign Position:** Sponsor

This bill was signed in to law in the Fall of 2007 by Governor Schwarzenegger. This act ensures that California Community College Students have the opportunity to apply for financial aid, particularly the federal Pell Grant, the Board of Governors Fee Waiver and the CalGrant. It also helps to make college more affordable for low-income students by assisting with the costs of textbooks and living expenses and opens access to college for students who otherwise may not be able to attend.

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## 2006

**SB 1709:** The College Opportunity Act of 2006

**Author:** Senator Scott

**Status:** Inactive - Held in Committee

**Campaign Position:** Sponsor

The College Opportunity Act of 2006 sought to renew the state's commitment to the promise made in the 1960 Master Plan for Higher Education that California would provide a place in a community college or university for every eligible student who seeks it. Given the significant growth in California's young adult population and the increasing demands for a highly educated workforce, the bill set out a broad vision for extending the promise of college opportunity to the next generation of Californians.