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Previously Sponsored & Supported Legislation:

AB 440: The College Student Success Act of 2009

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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.