



2014

Previously Sponsored & Supported Legislation:

Student Success

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.

Access to College

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.

SB 850: Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program

Author: Senator Block

Status: Signed by the Governor

Campaign Position - Watch



This bill would commencing January 1, 2015, authorize the BOG, in consultation with the CSU and the UC, to establish a statewide baccalaureate degree pilot program at not more than 15 community college districts, to be determined by the chancellor and approved by the board of governors, which would authorize each participating district to offer one type of baccalaureate degree at one campus within the district.

SCA 5: Public education: student recruitment and selection

Author: Senator Hernandez

Status: Inactive - Held at Senate Desk

Campaign Position – Watch

This measure would eliminate the prohibition on state discrimination or preference in the operation of public higher education, as related to Proposition 209 (1996).

Affordability & Student Debt

AB 1318: Student financial aid: Cal Grant program

Author: Assemblymember Bonilla

Status: Inactive - Held in Senate Education Committee

Campaign Position – Watch

This bill would establish a formula that would set the maximum Cal Grant award levels for students attending nonpublic postsecondary educational institutions that are accredited by Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), commencing with the 2014-15 award year. The bill would provide that a nonpublic postsecondary educational institution accredited by WASC would be deemed a qualifying institution if the total amount of institutional aid provided to California resident students by that institution is no less than 50% of the total Cal Grant awards received by their students.

AB 1456: Pay it Forward

Author: Assemblymember Jones-Sawyer

Status: Inactive - Senate Inactive File

Campaign Position – Watch

This bill would require CSAC and the Legislative Analyst to conduct a study of the effects of enacting, in future legislation, a Pay it Forward, Pay it Back Pilot Program and would designate the LAO as the lead agency in charge of preparing the study. The study would evaluate a pilot program designed to provide an additional option for students to finance the costs of their education, by paying the costs of upfront tuition, fees, and room and board, for enrollment at institutions of higher education, for admitted resident students who sign a binding contract to, upon graduation, pay 2 to 4% of their annual adjusted gross



incomes to the state or the institution for a specified number of years.

[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 2377](#): California Student Loan Refinancing Program

Author: Assemblymember Perez

Status: Signed by the Governor

Campaign Position – Watch

This bill would establish the California Student Loan Refinancing Program under the administration of the California Educational Facilities Authority with the goal of helping college graduates to refinance student loan debt at favorable rates by creating a revolving fund so that additional refinancing may occur to help more qualified borrowers through the creation of a loss reserve account.

[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.

Accountability & Oversight

AB 2087: Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges

Author: Assemblymember Ammiano

Status: Signed by the Governor

Campaign Position – Watch

This bill would require that the regulations pursuant to which the BOG may appoint a special trustee to manage a community college district provide specific benchmarks to indicate the presence of local capacity to resume management of the community college district and clear standards that require meaningful consultation by a special trustee, or his or her designee, with the community college district prior to decision-making.

SB 1196: Public postsecondary education: state goals

Author: Senator Liu

Status: Inactive - Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee

Campaign Position – Watch

This bill would require the Governor, or the Governor's designee, in consultation with private industry, policy research entities, and any other entity the Governor deems appropriate, to identify and establish specific postsecondary educational attainment goals for the segments of postsecondary education in the state that satisfy criteria and a target date for the segments to achieve these goals. The bill would require the CSU Board of Trustees, California Community Colleges Board of Governors, and, as a condition to receiving a General Fund appropriation from the state, the UC Regents to each develop and adopt a 5-year plan for making progress toward these statewide goals, and would require the Governor, or the Governor's designee, to convene a technical working group to aid in the development of the 5-year plan.

Higher Education Data

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.

Professional Development

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.