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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.

Support

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: Enrolled

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.

Watch

AB 17: Personal income taxes: credit: qualified tuition program

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations

Author: Assemblymember Bonilla

Campaign Position: Watch

This bill provides a tax credit in the amount of 20% of the monetary contributions made by a qualified taxpayer to a qualified tuition program.

AB 206: Student financial aid: California DREAM Work-Study Program

Author: Assemblymembers Stone and Medina

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations

Campaign Position: Watch

This bill establishes the California DREAM Work-Study program which provides need based work-study grants to AB 540 students on par with other eligible students at UC and CSU.

AB 209: Tax deductions: 529 college savings plans

Author: Assemblymember Patterson



Status: Held in Assembly Revenue & Taxation

Campaign Position: Watch

This bill lowers a person's taxable amount of income by the amount contributed to a qualified tuition program up to a limit of \$3,000 for an individual, or \$6,000 for a join-filer.

AB 490: Community College Extended Opportunity Programs and Services and the Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education program

Author: Assemblymembers Alejo and Gatto –

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations

Campaign Position: Watch

This bill restores funding for the Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) and the Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education (CARE) within California's community colleges, which were cut by 40 percent in the 2008-09 budget year.

AB 721: Student financial aid: private student loans

Author: Assemblymember Medina

Status: Enrolled

Campaign Position: Watch

This bill establishes requirements on public, private or independent colleges, except California Community Colleges, related to disclosure of student loan data and disclosure of information to students seeking private loans.

AB 798: College Textbook Affordability Act of 2015

Author: Assemblymember Bonilla

Status: Enrolled

Campaign Position: Watch

This bill establishes the College Textbook Affordability Act of 2015 with the goal of reducing costs for college students by encouraging faculty to accelerate the adoption of lower costs, high quality Open Educational Resources.

AB 837: University of California: employee salaries and other information

Author: Assemblymember Hernandez –

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations

Campaign Position: Watch

This bill prohibits the University of California (UC) from paying any employees or officers a salary in excess of \$500,000 in any fiscal year and requires reporting regarding employee salaries.

AB 1091: Student financial aid: Cal Grant Program

Author: Assemblymember E. Garcia

Status: Enrolled

Campaign Position: Watch



This bill requires the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) to take specified actions to improve information sharing between school districts and CSAC for purposes of determining student Cal Grant eligibility.

AB 1317: Public postsecondary education: executive officer compensation

Author: Assemblymember Salas

Status: Held by Author in Senate Education

Campaign Position: Watch

This bill establishes requirements regarding executive compensation increases at the California State University and requests compliance by the University of California.

AB 1349: California First Act

Author: Assemblymember Weber –

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations

Campaign Position: Watch

This bill establishes the California First Act which would require the California State University and request the University of California to guarantee undergraduate admission at a campus, though not necessarily at a campus or in a major of the applicant's choice, within their respective systems, to all eligible California residents who submit timely applications for undergraduate admission.

SB 66: Career Technical Education Pathways Program

Author: Senator Leyva

Status: Held by Author in Senate Education

Campaign Position: Watch

This bill would extend the CTEPP until June 30, 2018, ensuring that local career technical education investments in communities and students throughout California continue for at least three more years.

SB 791: Student financial aid: Golden State Scholarshare Trust Act

Author: Senator Hertzberg

Status: Held in Senate Appropriations

Campaign Position: Watch

This bill creates a new method for automating contributions to a college savings account through cash rewards associated with credit card transactions.

SCA 1: University of California: legislative control

Author: Senator Lara

Status: Held by Author in Senate Education

Campaign Position: Watch

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