

ASCCC Legislative Report
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Legislation with implications for academic and professional matters
Assembly Bills

AB204 (Medina) Community colleges: waiver of enrollment fees

This bill would require the board of governors to, at least once every 3 years, review and approve any due process standards adopted to appeal the loss of a fee waiver under the provisions described above. If the board of governors adopt any due process standards to appeal the loss of a fee waiver under those provisions, the bill would require those standards to also require a community college district to **Office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to review, for general consistency, each community college district's due process procedures, including any subsequent modifications of the procedures, adopted to appeal the loss of a fee waiver under these provisions, and comment on the procedures, as appropriate. The bill would require that the district's procedures** allow for an appeal due to hardship based on geographic distance from an alternative community college at which the student would be eligible for a fee waiver. The bill would require each community college district to, at least once every 3 years, examine the impact of the specified minimum academic and progress standards and determine whether those standards have had a disproportionate impact on a specific class of students, and if a disproportionate effect is found, the bill would require the community college district to include steps to address that impact in a student equity plan. **Amended in the Assembly 3/17/17 Nonsubstantive amendment in Senate, 6/28/17.**

Status: Referred to Appropriations Suspense, Held by Appropriations 9/1/17

ASCCC Position/Resolutions: The ASCCC Executive Committee voted at it's February meeting to support this legislation. The legislation is sponsored by FACCC. The ASCCC approved resolution SP17 6.01 to support.

^AB 227 (Mayes) CalWORKs: Education Incentives

AB 227 provides a supplemental education incentive grant when a CalWORKs recipient reaches an educational milestone, as outlined below:

- ☐ High school diploma or equivalent: \$100/month
- ☐ Associate's degree or career/technical education program: \$200/month
- ☐ Bachelor's degree: \$300/month

This bill would also authorize CalWORKs recipients eligibility to apply for educational stipends totaling no more than \$2400 per year for enrollment in an associate's degree, CTE certificate, or bachelor's degree program. The bill appropriates \$20 million to partially restore funding to the California Community Colleges CalWORKs program, which provides work-study slots, education and career counseling, and other services to CalWORKs recipients. **Amended 4/27/17**

Status: Passed Assembly, Referred to Senate Committee on Human Services, 6/14/17.

ASCCC Position/Resolutions: This bill is consistent with past ASCCC positions that the full cost of higher education is not reflective of the student aid awarded. This bill seeks to address that disparity for CalWORKs students.

^AB276 (Medina) Cyber Security Education and Training Programs

This bill would request the Regents of the University of California, the Trustees of the California State University, the governing board of each community college district, and independent institutions of higher education, no later than January 1, 2019, to complete a report that evaluates the current state of cyber security education and training programs, including specified information about those programs, offered at the University of California, the California State University, the California Community Colleges, and independent institutions of higher education, respectively, to determine the best method of educating and training college students to meet the current demand for jobs requiring cyber security knowledge and experience. **Non-substantive revisions 3/28/17**

Status: Passed Assembly, Senate Rules Committee for assignment 5/18/17

ASCCC Position/Resolutions: Information is useful

AB310 (Medina) Part-time Faculty Office Hours

Requires each community college district to report total part-time hours paid divided by the total part-time faculty office hours taught during the prior fiscal year and posted each year on the district website. **Re-introduced 1/18/18**

Status: Passed committee, referred to Assembly Appropriations 1/18/18

ASCCC Position/Resolutions: This bill was vetoed by the Governor last year.

^AB 370 (Rodriguez) Student Financial Aid: Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards

AB 370 would require the California Student Aid Commission to calculate a target for Competitive Cal Grants A and B to be awarded in an academic year. The intent of the bill is to ensure that all Competitive Awards are distributed to needy students in an academic year.

Status: Held by Appropriations, Suspense file, 5/26/17 This bill appears to be dead for this legislative cycle.

ASCCC Position/Resolutions: This bill is consistent with past ASCCC positions that the full cost of higher education is not reflective of the student aid awarded. This bill seeks to address that disparity for Cal Grant A and B recipients.

^AB 387 (Thurmond) Health Care Professionals Minimum Wage

This bill would expand the definition of “employer” for purposes of these provisions to include a person who directly or indirectly, or through an agent or any other person, employs or exercises control over the wages, hours, or working conditions of a person engaged in a period of supervised work experience *longer than 100 hours* to satisfy requirements for licensure, registration, or certification as an allied health professional, as defined. **This section shall not be construed to apply to the educational institution at which a person is enrolled to fulfill the educational requirements for licensure, registration, or certification as an allied health professional.** Amended 5/30/17

Status: Ordered to the inactive file at the author’s request, 6/1/17

ASCCC Position/Resolutions: The ASCCC passed resolution SP17 6.02 in opposition to this bill due to the curricular impact of clinical or laboratory instruction in allied health fields. Recent amendments seem to remove the impact on teaching institutions.

^AB 405 (Irwin) Baccalaureate Degree Cybersecurity Program

AB 405 authorizes the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, in consultation with the California State University and the University of California, to establish a statewide baccalaureate degree cybersecurity pilot program at not more than 10 community college districts.

Status: Hearing scheduled for 3/28/17 and cancelled at author’s request. This bill appears to be dead for this legislative cycle.

ASCCC Position/Resolutions: The CCC Chancellor’s Office opposes this bill until AB276 (Medina) is completed.

^AB 559 (Santiago) Community Colleges: Enrollment Fee Waiver

AB 559 requires the California Community Colleges Board of Governors, by January 1, 2019, to ensure that a fee waiver application is available online for students at each community college.

Status: Held by Appropriations, Suspense file, 5/26/17 This bill appears to be dead for this legislative cycle.

ASCCC Position/Resolutions: Access to financial aid is supported by numerous ASCCC resolutions in the past.

***AB 809 (Quirk-Silva) Veterans’ priority registration for enrollment in nursing programs.**

AB 809 clarifies that veterans are granted priority enrollment for California Community Colleges and California State University nursing programs.

Status: Passed in the Assembly Committee on Higher Education (13-0) and sent to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

ASCCC Position/Resolutions: Access to financial aid is supported by numerous ASCCC resolutions in the past.

^AB847 (Bocanegra) Academic Senates: Membership Rosters

~~This bill would require the local academic senate of a campus of the California State University or of a campus of the California Community Colleges, and would request the local academic senate of a campus of the University of California, to post its membership roster on its Internet Web site or Internet Web page.~~ **The bill would also require the local academic senate of a campus of the California State University or of a campus of the California Community Colleges, and would request the local academic senate of a campus of the University of California, to make the demographic data of its members, including gender and race or ethnicity, as specified, available to the public upon request. Amended 4/3/17**

Status: Passed Assembly, pulled by the author. This has become a two-year bill. 6/07/17

ASCCC Position/Resolutions: Currently local academic senates are required to comply with the Brown Act that demands published agendas and membership. We have significant concerns regarding the limited demographic profile specified and the ability to target individual members – especially for smaller senates. IF the goal is to improve the diversity of our faculty, we would welcome the opportunity to work with the author toward that end. The ASCCC adopted resolution SP17 6.03 in opposition to this bill. The status of this bill is in question with the resignation of the author.

^AB 856 (Holden) Postsecondary Education: Hiring Policy and Socioeconomic Diversity

The Trustees of the California State University and the governing board of each community college district shall, and the Regents of the University of California are requested to, ensure that, when filling faculty or athletic coaching positions, consideration is given to candidates with socioeconomic backgrounds that are underrepresented among existing faculty or athletic coaching staff on the campus for which the position is to be filled.

Status: Held by Appropriations, Suspense file, 5/26/17 This bill appears to be dead for this legislative cycle.

ASCCC Position/Resolutions: This seems like something that should be currently in practice.

***AB 1037 (Limon) Public Postsecondary Education: Student Financial Aid.** AB 1037 establishes the Cal Grant B Service Incentive Grant Program, under the administration of

the California Student Aid Commission. The program is a state work-study program available to California's AB 540 students who are ineligible for Federal Work Study (FWS) programs, and supported through the State General Fund resources. In order to be eligible for the grant, a student must be a recipient of a Cal Grant B award, enrolled at a UC, CSU, community college, or private, non-profit campus, and perform a minimum of 300 hours of community service or volunteer work in each academic year. Recent amendments to the bill limit the number of eligible students simultaneously receiving grants under the program to 2,500 awards per term.

Status: Passed in the Assembly Committee on Higher Education (9-3) and sent to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

ASCCC Position/Resolutions:

^AB 1038 (Bonta) Postsecondary Education: Higher Education Policy

AB 1038 establishes a nine member Blue Ribbon Commission on Public Postsecondary Education, and specifies its membership and duties. The Blue Ribbon Commission is required to develop a written plan to ensure that public universities and colleges in California are tuition-free and affordable to all students, including low-income and underrepresented students, and have the capacity to provide universal participation for all high school graduates by the year 2030. AB 1038 makes additional requirements of the Commission to hold hearings, conduct research, and report to the Legislature.

Status: Held by Appropriations, Suspense file, 5/26/17 This bill appears to be dead for this legislative cycle.

ASCCC Position/Resolutions: Well, that sounds lovely.

***AB 1786 (Cervantes) Community Colleges: Veterans**

This bill would express the intent to create an articulation platform for the California Community Colleges to facilitate the transition of recent veterans to state institutions for higher education.

Status: Introduced

ASCCC Position/Resolutions:

***AB 1803 (Choi) Postsecondary Education: career placement and job search services for graduates**

This bill would require any public or private institution that offers a bachelor's degree program to provide career placement and job search services for five years to students in order to receive state funds for student financial assistance.

Status: Introduced

ASCCC Position/Resolutions:

***AB 1805 (Irwin) Community College Placement Policies**

This bill would require districts to provide public notice of its policies regarding the placement of students. The bill also requires the notice to include placement policies regarding 1) threshold scores required on specified assessments, 2) requisite grades in specific high school courses, and 3) recommendations by an instructor or counselor.

Status: Introduced

ASCCC Position/Resolutions: !

***AB 1858 (Calderon) Student financial aid: Financial Aid Shopping Sheet.** AB 1858 adds a provision to the Donahoe Higher Education Act that would require public and private California colleges and universities to use the Financial Aid Shopping Sheet as developed by the U.S. Department of Education or a successor document identified by the Student Aid Commission to inform students about financial aid award packages.

Status: Introduced

ASCCC Position/Resolutions:

Senate Bills

^SB15 (Leyva) Cal Grant C Awards – *Urgent*

Existing law requires that a Cal Grant C award be utilized only for occupational or technical training in a course of not less than 4 months. Existing law also requires that the maximum award amount and the total amount of funding for the Cal Grant C awards be determined each year in the annual Budget Act.

This bill would instead, commencing with the 2017–18 award year and each award year thereafter, set maximum amounts for annual Cal Grant C awards for tuition and fees, and for access costs, respectively. The bill would also provide that, notwithstanding the maximum amounts specified in the bill, the maximum amount of a Cal Grant C award could be adjusted in the annual Budget Act for that award year. The maximum award amount for tuition and fees would be \$2,462 and the maximum amount for access costs would be ~~\$3,000~~ **\$547 with an additional possible access award of up to \$2464. Amended 4/3/17.**

Status: Referred to Appropriations Suspense File, Held by Appropriations 9/1/17
This bill appears to be dead for this year.

ASCCC Position/Resolutions: The ASCCC is very supportive of financial aid programs that improve access including reforms to the Cal Grant program – SP16 6.01.

^SB 307 (Nguyen) Postsecondary Education: Student Housing Insecurity and Homelessness. SB 307 requires the ~~Legislative Analyst's Office, in consultation with~~ the University of California, the California State University, and the California Community Colleges governing boards to appoint a task force to conduct a study on housing insecurity and homelessness of current postsecondary students in this state and prospective applicants to postsecondary educational institutions in this state. **This bill requests the University of California convene a task force with three members from each system to conduct the study.** The study is due to the Legislature on or before December 31, 2018.

Status: Held by Appropriations, 9/1/17
This bill appears to be dead this year.

ASCCC Position/Resolutions: The ASCCC has historically supported vulnerable student access to education and the wrap-around services required for educational attainment.

^SB 319 (Nguyen) Public postsecondary education: remedial coursework
SB 319 requires the California Community Colleges to provide entrance counseling and assessment or other suitable support services to inform an incoming student, prior to that student completing registration, of any remedial coursework the student will be required to complete and the reasons for the requirements, **exemption policies, and availability of any test preparation workshops.**

Status: Held by Senate Appropriations, Suspense file 5/26/17. This bill appears to be dead for this legislative cycle.

ASCCC Position/Resolutions: The ASCCC has supported counseling and matriculation services to students.

^SB 577 (Dodd) Community College Districts: Teacher Credentialing Programs of Professional Preparation.
AB 577 authorizes the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, in consultation with state universities and local education boards and school districts, to authorize **up to five** a community college districts to offer a teacher-credentialing program, subject to approval by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing. **Amended 5/26/17**

Status: Passed Senate, referred to Assembly Higher Ed. First hearing cancelled at request of author. 7/11/17

ASCCC Position/Resolutions: The CCC Chancellor's Office opposes this bill as written. The ASCCC has no position.

^SB769 (Hill) Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program

This bill would ~~limit the prohibition to a district's baccalaureate degree program that is offered within 100 miles of~~ by the California State University's or the University of California's baccalaureate degree program. The bill would extend the operation of the statewide baccalaureate degree pilot program ~~until 2028, indefinitely and would no longer require a student to complete his or her degree by the end of the 2022-23 academic year.~~ The bill would increase the maximum number of district baccalaureate degree pilot programs to 30 ~~25 programs. The bill would require each district seeking approval to offer a new baccalaureate degree pilot program on or after January 1, 2018, to use exclusively its existing financial resources to implement the program by no later than the 2020-21 academic year, if the district receives approval to offer the program.~~
Amended 5/26/17 Amended 7/13/17

Status: Referred to Appropriations Suspense File, Held by Appropriations 9/1/17
This bill appears to be dead this year.

ASCCC Position/Resolutions: The ASCCC has no position at this time. The CCC Chancellor's Office supports lifting of the sunset for current programs.

Budget Bills

Bills of Interest

^AB34 (Nazarian) Student financial aid: Children's savings account program

This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would establish a universal, at-birth, and statewide 529 children's savings account program to ensure California's children and families foster a college-bound identity and practice education-related financial planning.

Status: Held by Assembly Appropriations, Suspense File, 5/26/17 This bill appears to be dead for this legislative cycle.

^AB95 (Jones-Sawyer) Public Post Secondary Education: CSU: Baccalaureate Degree Pilot
Requires CSU to establish a BA degree pilot program to create a model among K-12 schools, community colleges, and CSU campuses to allow a student to earn a BA degree for \$10,000.

This bill authorizes up to seven pilot programs among institutions that request to participate. Degrees are limited to the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). Requires community colleges to grant priority enrollment to these students.

Status: Referred to Committee on Higher Education, 1/19/17. This bill has become a two-year bill.

***AB310 (Medina) Part-Time Office Hours**

This bill would require each community college district to report, on or before August 15 of each year, the total part-time faculty office hours paid divided by the total part-time faculty office hours taught during the prior fiscal year and post this information on its Internet Web site.

Status: Passed Assembly Higher Ed. Committee, sent to Appropriations

SB7 (Moorlach) School Bonds

Existing law authorizes the governing board of any school district or community college district to order an election and submit to the electors of the school district or community college district, as applicable, the question whether the bonds of the district should be issued and sold for the purpose of raising money for specified purposes, including, among other things, the supplying of school buildings and grounds with furniture, equipment, or necessary apparatus of a permanent nature. This bill would additionally require the governing board of a school district or community college district to support those specified purposes with a facilities master plan with cost estimates. In order for any one or more of those specified purposes to be united and voted upon as a single proposition, the bill would additionally require each planned project and the named school or college campus to be specified.

Status: Hearing scheduled for April 19 and cancelled by author, 4/17/17. This bill has become a two-year bill.

SB32 (Moorlach) Public Employee Retirement

~~The California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013, on and after January 1, 2013, established various limits on retirement benefits generally applicable to a public employee retirement system in the state, with specified exceptions.~~

~~This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to resume the public employee pension reform begun in the California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013.~~ **This bill would create the Citizens' Pension Oversight Committee to serve in an advisory role to the Teachers' Retirement Board and the Board of Administration of PERS. The bill would require the committee, on or before January 1, 2019, and annually thereafter, to review the actual pension costs and obligations of PERS and STRS and report on these costs and obligations to the public and would require reports of audits of STRS**

and PERS conducted by the public accountants described above to be filed with the committee for this purpose.

Status: Public Employment and Retirement Committee, failed passage, reconsideration granted. 4/25/17

*Indicates bills to be highlighted during the Executive Committee meeting legislation discussion.

^Indicates bill will be removed from next iteration of report since the bill is not germane to the work of the ASCCC or has been replaced by a new bill.

ACR = Assembly Concurrent Resolution ACA = Assembly Constitutional Amendment
AB = Assembly Bill SB = Senate Bill