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Subject: SB 1009 (Wilk, as of 04/03/18) Support

The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges wishes to express its support for SB 1009 (Wilk, as of April 3, 2018), which would provide supervised tutoring for courses and classes in all subject areas that are either basic skills, degree applicable, or transfer level, irrespective of whether the student being tutored was referred to tutoring by a faculty member or self-initiated the tutoring, and was eligible for state apportionment funding.

Currently, California Education Code §84757 limits the California community college districts to collect apportionment for tutoring in the subject of basic skills. SB 1009 (Wilk, as of April 3, 2018) would allow districts to claim apportionment for tutoring in all subjects and would expand tutoring services for students in need of academic support. The bill also allows students to self-refer for tutoring, in addition to teacher referral, which would remove a significant barrier to obtaining access to tutoring. Numerous studies demonstrated the positive effects of expanded tutoring on student success - the more academic support students receive, the more likely they are to pass their courses and stay enrolled. The value of learning support and tutoring services to student success cannot be overestimated given the various levels of preparation our students bring to the classroom. The Chancellor's Office Vision for Success tasked the California Community College system with aspirational goals of increased student success and expanded access to tutoring will remove barriers to success.

For these reasons, the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges supports Senate Bill 1009 (Wilk, as of April 3, 2018). Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Respectfully,



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