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**Legislation to Streamline Transfer for Community College Students
to be Heard in Key Assembly Policy Committee**

- ❖ **Who:** Assembly Higher Education Committee
- ❖ **What:** SB 1440, a historic California transfer bill that for the first time will guarantee admission to the California State University for community college transfer students who meet the requirements, will be heard by the Assembly Higher Education Committee on Tuesday, June 22. SB 1440 recently passed the Senate with unanimous bipartisan support.
- ❖ **When/** **Tuesday, June 22, 2010 at 1:30 p.m.**
Where: State Capitol, Room 437
To listen: http://www.asm.ca.gov/committee_hearings/defaulttext.asp (scroll approximately 1/3 of the way down the page and look for the Higher Education Block information for June 22 and then click on the speaker icon)
To watch: <http://www.calchannel.com/>
Bill history: http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/postquery?bill_number=sb_1440&sess=CUR&house=b&author=padilla
- ❖ **Why:** The goal of the bill, known as the Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act, is to simplify the transfer process and guarantee junior standing at a California State University campus for eligible community college students. This reform measure will also generate up to \$300 million in savings annually which in turn would allow the [California Community Colleges](#) to serve roughly 40,000 more students and the [California State University](#) system to serve nearly 14,000 additional students.
- ❖ **More:** California Community Colleges Chancellor Jack Scott and California State University Chancellor Charles Reed have thrown their support in favor of SB 1440 that is authored by Senator Alex Padilla. If the bill passes the **Assembly Higher Education Committee** on June 22, it will then be heard by **Assembly Appropriations** in the next two weeks.

The [California Community Colleges](#) is the largest system of higher education in the nation composed of 72 districts and 112 colleges serving 2.89 million students per year. The system is also the largest provider of workforce training in the nation. Nearly 25 percent of all the community college students nationwide are enrolled in a California community college. The Chancellor's Office provides leadership, advocacy and support under the direction of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges.

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The [California State University](#) is the largest system of senior higher education in the country, with 23 campuses, approximately 433,000 students and 44,000 faculty and staff. Since the system was created in 1961, it has awarded nearly 2.5 million degrees, about 90,000 annually. Its mission is to provide high-quality, affordable education to meet the ever-changing needs of the people of California. With its commitment to excellence, diversity and innovation, the CSU is the university system that is working for California.

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