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### STATE POLICY AND ADVOCACY OVERVIEW

The California State Legislature will conclude its initial review of policy bills on May 11 and will have until May 25, 2018, for the Appropriations Committees to review costs associated with the proposals. The next major Legislative deadline is June 1, 2018, when each house must take action to pass bills out of the house of origin. Policy committee deadlines are the first major hurdle for new legislative proposals. As noted in the Matrix, a number of higher education related bills did not meet this deadline and will not be advancing this year.

In addition to monitoring policy, budget and appropriations committee hearings, the Governmental Relations Division (Division) has organized and participated in a number of events to advance the priorities of the Chancellor's Office, including:

- **Funding Formula** – The Chancellor's Office, the Education Trust-West, and Campaign for College Opportunity co-hosted a series of three "Invest in Success" convenings to discuss the Governor's proposal to establish a new funding formula. The events took place in Oakland on March 21, 2018, Sacramento on March 26, 2018, and Los Angeles on March 27, 2018.
- **Online College** – The Chancellor's Office hosted a policy briefing in the Capitol on the proposal to create the 115<sup>th</sup> Online California Community College on April 25, 2018. Legislative staff heard an overview of the proposal from Executive Vice Chancellor Van Ton Quinlivan, and representatives from online education leaders at Stanford University, Western Governors University; as well as, from a panel of working adults interested in the opportunity for advancement presented by the online college.
- **Gainful Employment** – Vice Chancellor Laura Metune participated in a Capitol Briefing organized by The Institute for College Access and Success on the shifting federal higher education regulations and California's response, on May 1, 2018. The discussion included information about opportunities for California to take action to protect students and taxpayers. Other speakers included Suzanne Martindale of Consumers Union, Bob Shireman of The Century Foundation, and Noah Zinner of Housing and Economic Rights Advocates.

### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The Division's work advocating for legislative policies is guided by the goals outlined in the *Vision for Success*:

1. Increase by at least 20 percent the number of CCC students annually who acquire associate degrees, credentials, certificates, or specific skill sets that prepare them for an in-demand job.
2. Increase by 35 percent the number of CCC students system-wide transferring annually to a UC or CSU.
3. Decrease the average number of units accumulated by CCC students earning an associate's degree, from approximately 87 total units (the most recent system-wide average) to 79 total units.
4. Increase the percent of exiting CTE students who report being employed in their field of study, from the most recent statewide average of 60 percent to an improved rate of 69 percent.

5. Reduce equity gaps across all of the above measures by 40 percent within 5 years and closing those achievement gaps for good within 10 years.
6. Reduce regional achievement gaps across all of the above measures, with the ultimate goal of closing regional achievement gaps for good within 10 years.

## SPONSORED BILLS

**AB 1935 (Irwin) Community colleges: supervised tutoring.** Increases student access to supervised tutoring by authorizing noncredit apportionment for supervised tutoring to assist students in degree-applicable and transfer-level courses. Recent amendments add basic skills to the types of courses eligible for supervised tutoring and establish a deadline of July 31, 2019 for the Board of Governors to adopt regulatory changes. *AB 1935 promotes Vision for Success goals 1, 2, 3, and 5.*

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

**AB 2666 (Medina) DMV/CCC/CDE interagency agreement: data sharing.** Requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to enter into an interagency agreement with the Department of Education, Employment Development Department, and the Chancellor's Office, to share data to facilitate matching wage outcomes to adult education students participating in career and technical education programs and K-12 students. *AB 2666 promotes Vision for Success goals 1 and 4.*

- Status: Passed the Assembly Committee on Transportation (9-2), passed the Assembly Committee on Higher Education (10-2), and sent to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

**AB 3255 (Assembly Higher Education Committee) Postsecondary Education: omnibus bill.** Changes the July 1 annual reporting deadline for the Career Development and College Preparation Report to November 1, and changes the annual deadline for each community college to recommend their nonresident tuition fee rate from February 1 to March 1. AB 3255 would allow the Chancellor's Office to implement a system for residency determination across districts that would facilitate cross-college residency information sharing for all students. Finally, this bill would add a Homeless and Foster Student Liaison as an authorized individual who can verify a student's status as homeless for purposes determining eligibility for financial aid resources and other services. *AB 3255 is technical cleanup that supports the Chancellor's Office in implementing the Vision for Success.*

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

## SUPPORTED BILLS

*These bills were proposed and discussed for support at the March meeting of the Board of Governors. The Chancellor's Office has now taken an official position of support.*

**AB 1037 (Limón) Undocumented Student Financial Aid.** Establishes a state work-study program available to California's AB 540 students who are ineligible for Federal Work Study programs. 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. This bill limits the number of eligible students simultaneously receiving grants under the program to 2,500 awards per term. *AB 1037 promotes Vision for Success goals 1, 2, and 5.*

- Status: Passed in the Assembly (52-23) and sent to the Senate Education Committee.

**AB 2210 (McCarty) Resident tuition for holders of special immigrant visas.** Technical clean-up to add a reference to a specific federal law to legislation enacted last year, which was supported by the CCCCO, that exempts a student who is a refugee or a special immigrant visa holder from Iraq and Afghanistan from paying nonresident

fees at a California Community College (CCC) up to the minimum time necessary to become a resident. *AB 2210 promotes Vision for Success goals 1, 2, and 6.*

- Status: Passed the Assembly (68-4) and sent to the Senate.

**SB 940 (Beall) Cal Grant Program: foster youth.** Extends the deadline for current and former foster youth submitting an application for a Cal Grant Entitlement award from the existing one year after high school graduation until the student reaches 26 years of age. Authorizes the renewal of Cal Grant A and B awards, for a current or former foster youth, for a total of the equivalent of 8 years of full-time attendance, provided minimum financial need continues to exist. *SB 940 promotes Vision for Success goal 5.*

- Status: Passed the Senate Education Committee (6-0) and sent to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

**SB 1406 (Hill) Community College Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program.** Requires that a community college student participating in a Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program commence his or her degree program by the beginning of the 2022–23 academic year. This bill would extend the inoperative and repeal dates for the authorization to establish pilot baccalaureate degree programs by 3 years. *SB 1406 is aligned to the baccalaureate attainment of goal 2 in the Vision for Success.*

- Status: Passed the Senate Education Committee (6-0) and sent to the Senate Floor Consent File.

**SB 1471 (Hernandez) Cal Grant Program: Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards.** Increases the annual Competitive Cal Grant A and B award limit from \$25,750 to \$30,000. *SB 1471 promotes Vision for Success goals 1, 2, 5, and 6.*

- Status: Passed the Senate Education Committee (6-0) and sent to the Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File.

## **BILLS PROPOSED FOR SUPPORT**

*These bills were proposed and discussed for support at the April meeting of Consultation Council. The Chancellor's Office is now seeking Board of Governors feedback before taking an official position of support.*

**AB 2891 (Holden) College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP) partnerships: charter schools.** Authorizes the governing body of a charter school to enter into a CCAP partnership agreement with the governing board of a community college district. *AB 2891 promotes all Vision for Success goals.*

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

**AB 2933 (Medina) Public social services: county liaison for higher education.** Requires a county human services agency to designate an agency liaison as a single point of contact within the agency for academic counselors and other professional staff at community colleges located within the county, and to provide resource and referral information regarding relevant programs under the agency's jurisdiction to students who have expressed a need that might be met by those services. *SB 2933 promotes Vision for Success goals 1, 2, 5, and 6.*

- Status: Passed the Assembly Committee on Higher Education (13-0) and the Assembly Committee on Human Resources (7-0) and sent to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

**AB 3153 (Levine) Student financial aid: Cal Grants: summer term students.** Expands the total period of eligibility for a student to receive Cal Grant A or Cal Grant B awards, currently the equivalent of four years of full-time enrollment. Allowing the student to receive an additional Summer Cal Grant award for two summer terms of up to 9 units for purposes of timely completion of a baccalaureate degree program at a public postsecondary institution. *AB 2933 aligns to the baccalaureate completion goals contained in Vision for Success goal 2.*

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

**SB 1275 (Stern) Public Postsecondary Education: Hunger Act of 2018.** Enacts the Plan Against College Hunger Act of 2018, under the administration of the California Student Aid Commission, for the purpose of, reimbursing public postsecondary educational institutions that provide student meals at no cost to students attending more than part time and who are Cal Grant B recipients. *SB 1275 promotes Vision for Success goals 1, 2, and 5.*

- Status: Passed the Senate Committee on Education (6-0) and sent to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

**SB 1354 (Galgiani) California Apprenticeship Initiative.** Codifies the existing California Apprenticeship Initiative, which was created in budget bill language, and increases the time available for a recipient to complete the program. CAI brings together employers, unions, community colleges, and the Division of Apprenticeship Standards to develop ways of supporting adult learners. This bill would also authorize three years, from one year, for program funds to be encumbered. *SB 1354 promotes Vision for Success goals 1 and 4.*

- Status: Passed the Senate Education Committee (6-0) and sent to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

## **BILLS REQUIRING ADDITIONAL REVIEW**

*These bills have been reviewed by the Division and discussed at Consultation Council. The Division has determined that additional review and discussion is necessary prior to taking a position.*

**AB 1805 (Irwin) Community colleges: placement policies.** Requires a community college district (CCD) to provide public notice of its policies regarding the placement of students. This bill also requires the notice to include the CCD's 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: Passed the Assembly Committee on Higher Education (13-0) and sent to Assembly Appropriations Committee.

**AB 2306 (Santiago) Student financial aid: Cal Grant Program.** Increases the Cal Grant period of eligibility for community college applicants to receive an award from four to six years of full-time attendance, and specifies that the six-year eligibility period carry over with Cal Grant recipients who transfer to four-year colleges and universities.

- Status: Passed the Assembly Committee on Higher Education (9-2) and sent to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

**AB 3101 (Carrillo) Community colleges application system.** Requires the Board of Governors, on or before July 31, 2019, to revise the CCCApply application and enrollment process so that students are only asked to submit data required by the federal government, or necessary as determined by the board. To the extent that data can be collected from the student at a later time, the Board shall delay the collection of that data until after the student is enrolled.

- Status: Passed the Assembly Committee on Higher Education (11-1) and sent to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

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