

California Community College Independents

2017 Legislative Bill Report – Update

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CCCI-Sponsored Legislation

● **AB 1651 (Reyes) Faculty Discipline Notification**

Requires a copy of a written complaint, or written details of any allegations, to be provided to a faculty member placed on involuntary administrative leave or subject to an investigatory interview, except when to do so would result in a risk of physical danger or other unsafe environment.
(See attached CCCI support letter.)

Other Legislation

● **AB 10 (C. Garcia) Feminine Hygiene Products**

CCCI Position: SUPPORT

Public and private institutions of higher education, including each community college district, would be required to provide an adequate supply of tampons and sanitary napkins at each campus to meet the needs of female students and ensure that feminine hygiene products were available in college restrooms.

● **AB 17 (Holden) Student Transit Passes**

CCCI Position: SUPPORT

Monies appropriated by the legislature would provide free or reduced-fare transit passes to low-income K-12 and community college students. Transit providers would be provided funding to compensate for any revenue loss.

● **AB 21 (Kalra) Notification of Student Immigrant Status**

CCCI Position: Support, If Amended

Requires community colleges, CSU, independent higher education institutions, and requests the UC to refrain from releasing the immigration status of students, and directs all faculty and staff to immediately notify the campus chancellor or president if they suspect, or become aware, that federal authorities may enter, or have entered, the campus. *NOTE: Amendments would protect faculty rights for non-compliance (i.e. encourage instead of require); also investigate President notifications to the campus community.*

- **AB 52 (Cooper) New Employee Orientations**
CCCI Position: SUPPORT

Requires public employers to provide all public employees an orientation, and mandates that exclusive representatives be allowed to participate. *NOTE: The provisions of AB 52 were approved as of the 2017-18 state budget.*

- **AB 204 (Medina) Student Fee Waiver Appeals**
CCCI Position: SUPPORT

Directs the Chancellor's Office to review, for general consistency, each community college district's due process procedures used by students to appeal the loss of the BOG fee waiver.

- **AB 214 (Weber) Student Hunger**
CCCI Position: SUPPORT

Students with financial need would be eligible to have the CalFresh program – formerly known as the Food Stamp program – eligibility requirements waived to receive financial aid for food purchases.

- **AB 217 (Low) Higher Education Accountability**
CCCI Position: WATCH

Establishes the Office of Higher Education Performance and Accountability as the state postsecondary education coordination and planning entity. The responsibilities of the office would be to provide research, evaluate statewide and institutional performance, and be a clearinghouse for postsecondary education information. *NOTE: Ensure the bill reaffirms the importance of maintaining the Master Plan for Higher Education.*

- **AB 310 (Medina) Part-Time Faculty Office Hours**
CCCI Position: SUPPORT

Requires community college districts to report – on or before August 15 of each year – the total of paid part-time faculty office hours, divided by the total part-time faculty hours taught in the previous year, and prominently posted on the district web site.

- **AB 343 (McCarty) Student Fees and Immigration Status**
CCCI Position: SUPPORT

Exempts students with “special immigration status” visas or refugees admitted to the U.S. – primarily from Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria – from paying nonresident tuition at CSU and community colleges.

- **AB 393 (Quirk-Silva) Student Fees Limit**
CCCI Position: SUPPORT

Caps tuition and student fee levels at the CSU and community colleges at 2016 levels until 2019/20.

- **AB 461 (Muratsuchi) Student Loan Repayments**

CCCI Position: SUPPORT

For taxable years from January 2017 to January 2022, gross income for purposes of state tax payments shall not include any loan amount repaid to the U.S. Education Secretary.

- **AB 504 (Medina) Student Success Definitions**

CCCI Position: SUPPORT

Directs the community college Chancellor to establish a systemwide standard definition of “equity” and “underrepresentation,” and measures for these terms for use in district student equity plans.

- **AB 568 (Gonzalez Fletcher) Paid Maternity Leave**

CCCI Position: SUPPORT

Requires at least six weeks of leave of absence with full pay for a childbirth and related conditions, defined as temporary disabilities. Prohibits these provisions from diminishing the right of an employee to take, or be compensated during, other leaves of absence (i.e. Paid Family Leave, SDI). *NOTE: Determine if part-time faculty have benefit access, and clarify what is defined as “full pay.”*

- **AB 637 (Medina) Student Equity Plan Research**

CCCI Position: SUPPORT

Requires campus-based research to use a standard definition of “equity” and “significant underrepresentation” aimed at socioeconomic, ethnic and racial student populations for purposes of assessing remediation and student equity categorical programs.

- **AB 1018 (Reyes) Homeless Students and Student Equity**

CCCI Position: SUPPORT

Adds homeless students to the categories of students required to be addressed by districts in their student equity plans.

- **AB 1038 (Bonta) Postsecondary Education Commission**

CCCI Position: WATCH

Establishes the Blue Ribbon Commission on Postsecondary Education to oversee the state’s higher education programs, conduct public hearings and make recommendations to improve graduation rates and ensure “universal access and participation.”

- **AB 1356 (Eggman) Higher Education Millionaire’s Tax**

CCCI Position: SUPPORT

Imposes an additional one percent (1%) tax on incomes exceeding \$1 million to fund student financial assistance for tuition and fees at community colleges, the CSU and UC.

- **ACR 32 (Medina) Faculty Equity Proposals**

CCCI Position: SUPPORT

Encourages the community college Chancellor, in consultation with affected stakeholders, to develop proposals for legislative consideration, and identify goals, to address the 75 percent (75%) of credit instruction taught by full-time faculty; compensation equity for part-time faculty; the expansion of office hours and health benefits for part-time faculty; and compensation parity for faculty teaching noncredit education.

- **SB 68 (Lara) Immigrant Fee Exemption**

CCCI Position: SUPPORT

Exempts immigrants from nonresident tuition at community colleges and the CSU – an expansion of AB 540 provisions – if the student has a total of three or more years of attendance at an elementary, secondary or adult school, and the student graduates from high school or attains an equivalent degree.

- **SB 169 (Jackson and De Leon) Title IX Protections**

CCCI Position: SUPPORT

Requires community colleges to implement federal guidelines regarding protections from sexual harassment and sexual violence under Title IX.

- **SB 285 (Atkins) Right to Organize**

CCCI Position: SUPPORT

Prohibits an employer from deterring or discouraging public employees from becoming or remaining a member of an employee labor organization.

- **SB 472 (Nielsen) Student Free Speech**

CCCI Position: SUPPORT

Eliminates the requirement that community college, CSU and UC students be restricted to “free speech areas” when exercising their 1st Amendment rights.

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