

California Community College Independents

2017 Legislative Bill Report

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CCCI-Sponsored Legislation

- **AB 1651 (Reyes) Paid Administrative Leave**

Status: Signed Into Law

Prior to being placed on involuntary paid administrative leave, a community college faculty member will be entitled to be provided the general nature of any accusations made against him or her, except when to do so would result in a risk of physical danger. In such instances, the faculty member would be placed on administrative leave prior to being notified of the accusations. Within 90 days of placing a faculty member on involuntary paid leave, the district should complete its investigation and initiate disciplinary proceedings or reinstate the employee. (See attached AB 1651 bill language.)

Other Legislation

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

CCCI Position: Support

Status: Vetoed

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 19 (Santiago) California College Promise**

CCCI Position: Support

Status: Signed Into Law

Contingent on legislative funding allocated by the Chancellor, waives fees for the first full academic year of attendance for students who take a full-time load when enrolled for the first time at a community college that has entered into partnership agreements with local K-12 schools.

- **AB 21 (Kalra) Student Immigrants**

CCCI Position: Support, If Amended

Status: Signed Into Law

Requires community colleges, CSU, independent higher education institutions, and requests the UC to refrain from releasing the immigrant status of students, faculty and staff without consent; only allow an immigration officer access to nonpublic areas of campus when a judicial warrant is presented; and to limit assistance with immigration enforcement. *NOTE: Amendments requested by CCCI protect faculty rights for non-compliance by encouraging, instead of requiring, the reporting of suspected immigration officers.*

- **AB 119 (Committee on Budget) New Employee Orientations**

CCCI Position: Support

Status: Signed Into Law

Requires public employers to provide all public employees an orientation, and mandates that exclusive representatives be allowed to participate. *NOTE: The provisions of AB 119 were approved as part of the 2017-18 state budget negotiations. (See attached bargaining advisory.)*

- **AB 204 (Medina) Student Fee Waiver Appeals**

CCCI Position: Support

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee (Two-Year Bill)

Requires the Chancellor's Office to review for consistency each community college district's due process procedures used by students to appeal the loss of BOG fee waivers and, at least once every three years, examine the impact on students of the system's minimum academic and progress standards.

- **AB 214 (Weber) Student Hunger**

CCCI Position: Support

Status: Signed Into Law

Waives the eligibility requirements for the CalFresh program – formerly known as Food Stamps – for students with financial need, allowing these students to receive financial assistance for food purchases.

- **AB 217 (Low) Higher Education Accountability**

CCCI Position: Watch

Status: Failed in Assembly Appropriations Committee

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.

- **AB 310 (Medina) Part-Time Faculty Office Hours**

CCCI Position: Support

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee (Two-Year Bill)

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

Status: Signed Into Law

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

Status: Failed in Assembly Appropriations Committee

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

- **AB 504 (Medina) Student Equity Plans**

CCCI Position: Support

Status: Signed Into Law

Directs the community college Chancellor to establish a systemwide standard methodology for measuring “student equity” and “disproportionate impact” in developing district student equity plans.

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

CCCI Position: Support

Status: Vetoed

For K-12 and community college employees, 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.

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

CCCI Position: Support

Status: Signed Into Law

Adds homeless students to the categories of students required to be addressed by community college district student equity plans.

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

CCCI Position: Watch

Status: Failed in Assembly Appropriations Committee

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
Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee (Two-Year Bill)

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**
CCCI Position: Support
Status: Chaptered

This legislative resolution encourages the community college Chancellor, in consultation with affected stakeholders, to develop proposals for legislative consideration, and identify goals, to address the challenges in achieving 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
Status: Signed Into Law

Exempts immigrants from paying nonresident tuition and be eligible for student financial aid at community colleges, CSU and UC – an expansion of AB 540 provisions – if the student has a total of three or more years of full-time credited attendance at an elementary, secondary or adult school.

- **SB 169 (Jackson and De Leon) Title IX Protections**
CCCI Position: Support
Status: Vetoed

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
Status: Signed Into Law

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
Status: Failed in Senate Appropriations Committee

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