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ACADEMIC ISSUES

AB 404 (Gatto)

Local government: county assessors: property tax agents and property tax agent firms

Failed passage, Senate Appropriations Committee

This bill would have required the California State University Board of Trustees to establish, at the Humboldt State University campus, a Native American Linguistic Institute, with specified duties, to preserve Native American tribal languages and establishes the California Native American Language Preservation Fund in the State Treasury for the acceptance of private donations, as specified, to facilitate statewide efforts to preserve Native American languages.

On May 9, 2012, AB 404 was amended out of the jurisdiction of the Assembly Higher Education Committee to address counties that regulate lobbying before the board of supervisors.

AB 645 (Davis)

Postsecondary education: ethnic studies

Failed passage, Assembly Higher Education Committee

This bill would have mandated the California State University and requested the University of California to require students entering the university during or after the 2013-14 academic year, regardless of major, to complete two courses in ethnic studies prior to graduation.

AB 661 (Block)

**Public postsecondary education: community college districts:
baccalaureate degree pilot program**

Died for lack of a vote, Assembly Floor

This bill would have authorized the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District and the San Mateo Community College District to offer baccalaureate degrees, as specified.

AB 675 (Hagman)
Continuing education

Failed passage, Assembly Business, Professions & Consumer Protection Committee

This bill would have established requirements for continuing education courses required for maintaining licensure by California boards.

On March 14, 2011, AB 675 was re-referred to the Assembly Business & Professions Committee, which has jurisdiction over legislation addressing licensing requirements for professional fields regulated by California boards and commissions.

AB 1853 (Bonilla)
Teacher credentialing: recognition of study in transitional kindergarten

Vetoed

This bill would have authorized the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to convene a workgroup to develop program standards for the issuance of a recognition of study in transitional kindergarten for holders of a multiple subject teaching credential who will be teaching pupils enrolled in a transitional kindergarten program.

Veto Message: *I am returning Assembly Bill 1853 without my signature. This bill would require the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to create a committee to do the preliminary work that would be required to create yet another teaching credential -- -- something we don't need.*

ACR 34 (Lara, Alejo)
Ethnic studies programs

Resolution Chapter 65, Statutes of 2011

Endorses the work of California's ethnic studies programs in California's public education institutions, recognizes the leadership provided by the beneficiaries of these programs, and supports the continuation of ethnic studies programs at the University of California, California State University and California Community Colleges.

SB 611 (Steinberg)
Public postsecondary education: University of California

Chapter 631, Statutes of 2011

Requests the Regents of the University of California (UC), subject to the availability of funds in the annual Budget Act, to establish and maintain the UC Curriculum Integration Institute to be administered by the UC President.

SB 612 (Steinberg)
Postsecondary education: instructional strategies

Chapter 632, Statutes of 2011

Authorizes the establishment of three additional California Subject Matter Projects, extends the sunset date on existing projects, adds new areas of emphasis for subject matter projects, and makes various changes to the concurrence committee and project advisory boards.



ACCESS & AFFORDABILITY**AB 24 (Block)****California Postsecondary Education Commission: feasibility study: Chula Vista***Failed passage, Assembly Higher Education Committee*

This bill would have required the California Postsecondary Education Commission to conduct a study and make recommendations concerning the feasibility of establishing and expanding postsecondary education opportunities in Chula Vista, California.

AB 63 (Donnelly)**Public postsecondary education: tuition and fees***Failed passage, Assembly Higher Education Committee*

This bill would have prohibited a person without lawful immigration status from qualifying for resident tuition at the California State University and the California Community Colleges, under the provisions of AB 540 (Firebaugh, Chapter 814, Statutes of 2001) and conformed to federal law nonresident tuition exemptions for members of the United States Armed Services or their dependents who are enrolled at a California public postsecondary education institution.

AB 91 (Portantino)**Community colleges: student financial aid: pilot program***Vetoed*

This bill would have required the Chancellor's Office of the California Community Colleges to establish a voluntary pilot program to increase student participation in state and federal financial aid programs, outlined the parameters of the pilot, and required the Legislative Analyst's Office to report to the Legislature on the results of the pilot program and to make recommendations for its statewide expansion.

Veto Message: *This bill orders the Chancellor of the Community Colleges to set up a pilot program at local campuses to figure out how to motivate their students to apply for financial aid.*

This is a matter that each community college can handle on its own.

AB 130 (Cedillo)
Student financial aid: eligibility: California Dream Act of 2011

Chapter 93, Statutes of 2011

Establishes the California Dream Act, expanding eligibility for nonstate-funded scholarships, beginning January 1, 2012, to students who qualify for the existing exemption from non-resident tuition established by AB 540 (Firebaugh, Chapter 814, Statutes of 2001).

AB 131 (Cedillo)
Student financial aid

Chapter 604, Statutes of 2011

Establishes the California Dream Act, expanding eligibility for financial aid, beginning January 1, 2013, to students who qualify for the existing exemption from non-resident tuition established by AB 540 (Firebaugh, Chapter 814, Statutes of 2001).

AB 515 (Brownley)
Public postsecondary education: community colleges: extension program

Failed passage, Senate Education Committee

This bill would have established the California Community Colleges Extension Pilot Program which, until July 1, 2016, would have authorized community colleges that met specified requirements to establish and maintain an extension program offering credit coursework to students at fee levels that cover the actual cost of maintaining those courses.

AB 844 (Lara)
**Student government: students qualifying for exemption from nonresident tuition:
California Community Colleges: governing board membership**

Chapter 619, Statutes of 2011

Authorizes any student, including a person without lawful immigration status or students exempt from paying nonresident tuition under the provisions of AB 540 (Firebaugh, Chapter 814, Statutes of 2001), to serve in any capacity in student government and to receive any grant, scholarship, fee waiver, or reimbursement for expenses at the California State University and the California Community Colleges, consistent with federal law, and requests the University of California to comply with these same provisions.

AB 853 (Fong, Huffman)
Sharks

Chapter 525, Statutes of 2011

As introduced, this bill conformed to federal nonresident tuition exemptions for members of the United States Armed Services and their dependents, as defined, who are enrolled at a California public postsecondary education institution.

On August 16, 2011, AB 853 was amended out of the jurisdiction of the Assembly Higher Education Committee to create exemptions to the shark fin prohibition established in existing law.

AB 1501 (John A. Pérez)
Student financial aid: Middle Class Scholarship Program

Failed passage, Senate Floor

This bill would have established the Middle Class Scholarship Program, to be administered by the California Student Aid Commission, beginning with the 2012-13 academic year, and provided for an appropriation for purposes of funding the program, contingent upon the enactment of AB 1500 (John A. Pérez).

AB 1637 (Wieckowski)
Cal Grant Program: student default risk index score
Failed passage, Assembly Higher Education Committee

This bill would have established the student default risk index and limited institutional participation in the Cal Grant Program based on risk index scores.

AB 1899 (Mitchell)
Postsecondary education benefits: crime victims

Chapter 509, Statutes of 2012

This bill grants students who are noncitizen victims of trafficking, domestic violence and other serious crimes, as defined under specified federal law, the same exemption from nonresident tuition and eligibility to apply for and participate in state and institutional financial aid programs at the California State University and the California Community Colleges as that extended to students granted refugee status, and requests the University of California to adopt similar policies.

AB 2419 (Miller)
Student financial aid: Cal Grant Program

Died for lack of a hearing, Assembly Higher Education Committee

This bill would have prohibited a maximum Cal Grant A award from exceeding \$4,000, notwithstanding the requirement that maximum award amounts for Cal Grant A awards for students attending public institutions shall be identified in the annual Budget Act.

AB 2427 (Butler)
California State University: special session fees

Failed passage, Senate Appropriations Committee

This bill would have required the California State University, beginning on July 1, 2014 and until January 1, 2019, to annually report to the Legislature on its Extended and Continuing Education Program, as specified, and required the Trustees to publicly notice, hear, and approve any changes to special session fees.

SB 451 (Price)
Student financial aid: Cal Grant C awards

Chapter 627, Statutes of 2011

Requires the California Student Aid Commission to prioritize Cal Grant C awards to students pursuing study in areas of high employment need, high salary or wage protection, or high growth, and establishes related authority and requirements.

SB 960 (Rubio)
California State University: campus-based mandatory fees

Chapter 574, Statutes of 2012

This bill prohibits campus-based mandatory fees (at the California State University) that are not specifically authorized by statute, from being reallocated without an affirmative vote of either the student body or a specified campus fee advisory committee, as defined.

SB 1466 (de León)
Peace officers: City of Los Angeles

Chapter 795, Statutes of 2012

As introduced, SB 1466 established priorities for allocation within the Cal Grant program of funds derived from the Higher Education Investment Tax Credit program.

On August 23, 2012, SB 1466 was amended out of the jurisdiction of the Assembly Higher Education Committee to deal with City of Los Angeles peace officers.

SB 1550 (Wright)
Community colleges: extension course pilot program

Failed passage, Assembly Higher Education Committee

This bill would have required the California Community Colleges (CCC) Chancellor's office to establish a voluntary pilot program involving up to five CCC districts (CCDs) for the purposes of authorizing a CCD to establish and maintain an extension program offering career and workforce training credit courses, as defined, at fee levels that cover the actual cost of maintaining those courses, and required the Legislative Analyst's Office to report to the Legislature on this pilot program by June 30, 2016.



ADMINISTRATION & GOVERNANCE

AB 334 (Bonnie Lowenthal, Furutani) Community college board members: absence from the state

Chapter 54, Statutes of 2011

Clarifies existing law provisions regarding absences from the state for members of a school board are also applicable to members of California Community College (CCC) governing boards and allows a school board or a CCC governing board to authorize an extended absence for a board member in the case of illness or urgent necessity, similar to the allowances currently provided for state and municipal officers.

AB 620 (Block) Public postsecondary education: nondiscrimination and training: sexual orientation, gender identity; and gender expression

Chapter 637, Statutes of 2011

Establishes the Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Equity in Higher Education Act that, among other things, adds the attributes of sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression to existing nondiscrimination laws affecting postsecondary educational institutions, programs, and requirements.

AB 680 (Block) Pupil safety: comprehensive school safety plans

Chapter 438, Statutes of 2011

As introduced, AB 680 established provisions governing the number of members, the elections of members, and the reapportionment of trustee areas for the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District governing board.

On June 22, 2011, AB 680 was amended out of the jurisdiction of the Assembly Higher Education Committee to address K-12 school district comprehensive school safety plans.

AB 795 (Block) Public postsecondary education: smoke-free campuses

Chapter 617, Statutes of 2011

Grants authority to the governing bodies of the California State University, the University of California, and each community college district to set smoking and tobacco enforcement standards, impose fines, and post signs stating the tobacco use policy on campus.

AB 970 (Fong)
University of California and California State University:
system-wide student fees: student financial aid report

Chapter 620, Statutes of 2012

Establishes requirements and timeframes for the University of California and the California State University regarding the approval and implementation of student fee increases, and requires the segments to report annually on their use of student fee revenues.

AB 1029 (Lara)
Community colleges: course approval

Chapter 112, Statutes of 2011

Extends by one year the authority for California Community College (CCC) districts to approve stand-alone courses without the approval of the CCC Board of Governors, and the date by which the CCC Chancellor's Office must report to the Legislature on CCC districts' use of this authority.

AB 1093 (Davis)
Student financial aid: Military and Veterans Benefits Offices

Failed passage, Assembly Higher Education Committee

This bill would have required the California State University and the California Community Colleges to establish and staff a Military and Veterans Benefits Office at each campus.

AB 1561 (Roger Hernández)
California State University and University of California: compensation

Failed passage, Assembly Appropriations Committee

This bill would have prohibited the California State University Board of Trustees from increasing executive compensation in years of either decreased General Fund support or student tuition/fee increases; prohibited an administrator, as defined, from receiving more than 10% above the total compensation, as defined, received by the predecessor in that position; and prohibits administrators from participating in activities, as specified, by an auxiliary organization if that auxiliary provided compensation to that administrator.

AB 1684 (Eng)
California Community Colleges: chancellor and president compensation

Failed passage, Assembly Appropriations Committee

This bill would have established compensation limits for California Community College district chancellors.

AB 1965 (Pan)
Land use

Chapter 554, Statutes of 2012

As introduced, this bill authorized ex officio members of the California State University (CSU) Board of Trustees (BOT) to designate a representative to attend, speak, and vote at CSU BOT meetings in the ex officio member's absence and authorized the non-voting student trustee to vote at a BOT meeting if the voting student member was absent from the meeting.

On August 29, 2012, AB 1965 was amended out of the jurisdiction of the Assembly Higher Education Committee to address land use.

AB 2028 (Knight, Smyth)
School employees: discipline: suspension and dismissal

Failed passage, Assembly Appropriations Committee

As introduced, AB 2028 would have required the department and Chancellor to notify school districts and community college districts of the statutes, or portions of statutes, that are not required to be implemented for that fiscal year.

On March 22, 2012, AB 2028 was amended out of the jurisdiction of the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 2126 (Block)
California State University: regulations

Chapter 248, Statutes of 2012

This bill extends the current California State University Board of Trustees regulation adoption, amendment and repeal processes from January 1, 2013 to January 1, 2018.

AB 2132 (Lara)
Public postsecondary education: tenure policy

Vetoed

This bill would have expressed the intent of the Legislature that the California State University (CSU) and the University of California (UC) adopt tenure policies that reward service and required the CSU and requested the UC to recognize and reward service as appropriate for each discipline, as specified.

Veto message: *This bill would require the California State University and request the University of California to consider community service for the purposes of appointment, promotion, retention, and tenure review.*

While I value the service contributions of faculty members, this bill is duplicative of existing systemwide policies that already identify service as a criterion for faculty reviews and personnel decisions.

I believe that the extent to which service is considered in such decisions should be a local, campus-based decision.

ACR 164 (Pan)
California State University: chancellor selection process

Chapter 133, Statutes of 2012

This resolution encourages the recruitment and selection process for the next Chancellor of the California State University (CSU) to be done in a publicly inclusive manner.

HR 35 (Halderman, Bonnie Lowenthal)
Relative to anti-Semitism

Adopted

This resolution calls upon officials of California public postsecondary educational institutions to increase their efforts to condemn acts of anti-Semitism on their campuses and urges them to use a specified definition of anti-Semitism.

SB 8 (Yee)
Public records: auxiliary organizations and UC campus foundations

Chapter 247, Statutes of 2011

Requires records maintained by an auxiliary organization of the California State University, California Community Colleges (CCC), and CCC districts and a campus foundation of the University of California be available to the public consistent with the California Public Records Act, excepting specified donor information.

SB 114 (Yee)
Teachers: retirement

Chapter 829, Statutes of 2012

As introduced, this bill (1) allowed a community college district to calculate the salary of a part-time faculty member, and report that salary on payroll notices and to the State Teachers' Retirement System, as a percentage of salary for a full-time teaching load, and (2) authorized the provisions of this bill to be subjects of negotiations for new or successor collective bargaining agreements.

On May 14, 2012, SB 114 was amended out of the jurisdiction of the Assembly Higher Education Committee to deal with teachers' retirement.

SB 736 (Cannella)
County road commissioner; Merced County

Chapter 378, Statutes of 2012

As introduced, this bill deleted provisions requiring biennial campus audits of California State University (CSU) revolving fund expenditures and instead required CSU to contract with a public accounting firm to provide an annual system-wide financial statement audit that included each campus' statement of net assets, statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net assets, and statement of cash flows.

On June 4, 2012, this bill was amended to authorize the board of supervisors of Merced County to transfer the duties of the county road commissioner to the county's department of public works, as specified.

SB 952 (Alquist)
Public postsecondary education: employee compensation

Failed passage, Assembly Appropriations Committee

This bill would have restricted the ability of the Trustees of the California State University (CSU) during the specified time periods, to provide a compensation increase for a CSU employee, relative to the immediately prior contract for that same position, when the salary exceeded \$200,000 from General Fund sources and student fee revenues.

SB 1062 (Liu)
California Community Colleges: board of governors

Failed passage, Assembly Floor

This bill would have expanded the existing authority of the Board of Governors (BOG) of the California Community Colleges (CCCs) to appoint persons without permanent civil service status to vice chancellor and assistant vice chancellor positions, if the individuals meet specified criteria.

SB 1103 (Wright)
Cal Grant Program: annual report

Chapter 273, Statutes of 2012

This bill requires the California Student Aid Commission, commencing on a specified date, to post annual reports submitted by institutions participating in the Cal Grant program which will have a searchable database, and provide other information useful to students and parents.



ADMISSIONS & ELIGIBILITY

AB 160 (Portantino)

Concurrent enrollment in secondary school and community college

Failed passage, Senate Appropriations Committee

This bill would have authorized the governing board of a California Community College (CCC) district to enter into a concurrent enrollment partnership with one or more school districts within its immediate service area to allow secondary school pupils to attend a CCC if they had exhausted all opportunities to enroll in an equivalent course at the high school of attendance, adult education program, continuation school, regional occupational center or program, or school district programs.

AB 194 (Beall)

Public postsecondary education: priority enrollment: foster youth

Chapter 458, Statutes of 2011

Requires each campus of the California State University and the California Community Colleges, and requests the University of California, to give priority in enrollment in classes to any foster youth or former foster youth.

AB 230 (Carter)

Joint educational programs: middle college high school students: enrollment priority

Chapter 50, Statutes of 2011

Exempts students attending middle college high schools (MCHS) from the requirement that California Community College (CCC) governing boards assign low enrollment priority to concurrent enrollment students, if the student is seeking to enroll in a CCC course that is required for the student's MCHS program.

AB 288 (Fong)

Public postsecondary education: community colleges: expulsion hearing

Vetoed

Authorizes the governing board of a community college district (CCD) to deny admission to someone expelled from another CCD within the previous five years, under specified circumstances.

Veto Message: *Requiring every community college to follow a uniform process for evaluating a student expulsion taken by another district adds unnecessary burdens and costs that the state will have to reimburse.*

I invite Chancellor Scott and the California Community Colleges Board of Governors to work with local districts to craft a more flexible and cost-effective approach to enable districts to share critical information about student expulsions.

AB 670 (Block)
California State University: admissions

Chapter 163, Statutes of 2011

Requires the California State University to ensure that its campuses implement uniform appeal procedures, as specified, for applicants who are denied admission to a campus and uniformly communicate these procedures to students, as specified.

ACR 73 (Alejo)
University of California: graduate admissions

Resolution Chapter 65, Statutes of 2011

As introduced, this resolution requested the University of California Board of Regents to implement a comprehensive admissions approach at UC's various graduate programs and professional schools by including a broad variety of academic and personal qualifications, as specified.

On February 6, 2012, ACR 73 was amended out of the jurisdiction of the Assembly Higher Education Committee to designate César Chávez's birthday, March 31, as a day of public service, to recognize the hard work and self-sacrifice that farmworkers go through to feed all the families in our state, and to learn from César Chávez's life and his mission of nonviolence, social justice, and selfless service to others.

SB 185 (Hernández)
Public postsecondary education

Vetoed

This bill stated legislative intent to authorize the California State University (CSU) and the University of California (UC) to consider race, gender, ethnicity and national origin, geographic origin, and household income, along with other relevant factors, in undergraduate and graduate admissions, as specified, and required the CSU and requested the UC to report on the implementation of those provisions to the Legislature and Governor by November 1, 2013, as specified.

Veto Message: *I wholeheartedly agree with the goal of this legislation. Proposition 209 should be interpreted to allow UC and CSU to consider race and other relevant factors in their admissions policies to the extent permitted under the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution. In fact, I have submitted briefs in my capacities as both Governor and Attorney General strongly urging the courts to adopt such an interpretation.*

But while I agree with the goal of this legislation, I must return the bill without my signature. Our constitutional system of separation of powers requires that the courts -- not the Legislature -- determine the limits of Proposition 209. Indeed, there is already a court case pending in the 9th Circuit against the State and the UC on the same issues addressed in this bill. Signing this bill is unlikely to impact how Proposition 209 is ultimately interpreted by the courts; it will just encourage the 209 advocates to file more costly and confusing lawsuits.

SB 292 (Padilla)
**California Environmental Quality Act: administrative and
judicial review procedures: City of Los Angeles: stadium**

Chapter 353, Statutes of 2011

As introduced, this bill provided for clarifications for issues that had arisen during the implementation of the Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act.

On September 2, 2011, SB 292 was amended out of the jurisdiction of the Assembly Higher Education Committee to establish expedited procedures under the California Environmental Quality Act for the proposed downtown Los Angeles football stadium and convention center.

SB 650 (Lowenthal)
Postsecondary education: the College Promise Partnership Act

Chapter 633, Statutes of 2011

Permits Long Beach Community College District to admit high school students who are participants in the College Promise Partnership, to any community college under its jurisdiction as a special part-time or full-time student and to permit assigned priority for enrollment and course registration for these pupils.



BUDGET & FINANCE**AB 79 (Beall)****University of California: technology commercialization: tax credit**

Died for lack of a hearing, Assembly Higher Education Committee

This bill would have authorized the University of California to create a University of California Technology Commercialization Acceleration Fund for each campus of the university and the university system for the deposit of contributions made for specified purposes.

AB 216 (Swanson)**Voters: residency confirmation**

Chapter 495, Statutes of 2012

As introduced, AB 216 waived the open course requirement for California Community College courses offered in state correctional facilities and allowed attendance hours generated by credit courses to be funded at the credit rate, instead of the noncredit funding rate.

On July 5, 2012, AB 216 was amended out of the jurisdiction of the Assembly Higher Education Committee to address election procedures.

AB 285 (Furutani)**Community colleges: property tax revenues**

Failed passage, Assembly Appropriations Committee

This bill would have required, as is currently provided for K-12 schools, automatic adjustments in GF apportionments for the California Community Colleges (CCC) to the extent actual property tax revenues to the CCC differ from the amount of such revenues estimated in the annual Budget Act.

AB 478 (Roger Hernández)**Gas Corporations: fines and penalties**

Failed passage, Senate Appropriations Committee

As introduced, AB 478 eliminated the 2 percent cap on the amount of unemployment in excess of 5 percent that the California Community Colleges (CCC) must use for purposes of calculating the annual request for enrollment growth funding.

On May 30, 2012, AB 478 was amended out of the jurisdiction of the Assembly Higher Education Committee to authorize the California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to use fines or

penalties levied against a gas corporation to offset the cost of gas safety investments and expenses instead of depositing the fines in the General Fund.

AB 822 (Block)

Public postsecondary education facilities: Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2012

Died for lack of a hearing, Assembly Higher Education Committee

This bill would have enacted the Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2012 to authorize an unspecified sum of state general obligation bonds to provide aid to the California Community Colleges, the University of California, the Hastings College of the Law, and the California State University to construct and modernize education facilities.

AB 1163 (Brownley)

Education: California Educational Facilities Authority

Chapter 281, Statutes of 2011

Recasts the definition of "private college" to allow the California Educational Facilities Authority to facilitate tax-exempt bond programs for religious colleges, as specified, in conformance with a California Supreme Court decision.

AB 1237 (Nestande)

Postsecondary education: finance: remedial instruction

Failed passage, Assembly Higher Education Committee

This bill found and declared that state General Funds that do not count toward the Proposition 98 minimum guarantee shall not be appropriated for remedial instruction at the University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU) and authorized the appropriation of Proposition 98 funds from K-12 instruction to the California Community Colleges for the purposes of remedial instruction for UC and CSU students.

AB 1326 (Furutani)

California Higher Education Endowment Corporation: oil and gas severance tax

Failed passage, Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee

This bill would have enacted the Fair Share for Fair Tuition Act to fund direct classroom instruction and student support services at the California Community Colleges, the California State University, and the University of California.

AB 2164 (Dickinson)
Community college facilities

Failed passage, Senate Appropriations Committee

This bill would have authorized the reimbursement of amounts incurred for capital outlay projects approved by the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, after approval of preliminary plans by the Department of Finance and the State Public Works Board, and after an appropriation by the Legislature, in the annual Budget Act or related legislation, of funds for one or more of the following project phases: preliminary plans, working drawings, construction, and equipment.

AB 2223 (Williams)
Community colleges: Santa Barbara Community College District

Failed passage, Assembly Higher Education Committee

This bill, notwithstanding existing law, would have authorized the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to apportion full funding per FTES to educational centers in the Santa Barbara Community College District irrespective of the number of FTES enrolled at those educational centers.

AB 2442 (Williams)
State property: California Hope Public Trust

Vetoed

This bill would have established the California Hope Public Trust to support the California State University, California Community Colleges, and University of California systems to be governed and administered by the Department of General Services with input from a nine member advisory board of the trust.

Veto Message: *Finding innovative ways to maximize the way state property is managed is a goal I support. In fact, in an April Executive Order, I directed the Department of General Services to evaluate current leases to keep rental costs low and to determine whether leased space is essential for departments.*

I am committed to increasing operational efficiencies and am confident that my Administration can work with the author and proponents to identify new ways to evaluate and use state property, without creating an additional board.

AB 2591 (Furutani)
Community colleges: property tax revenues

Failed passage, Assembly Appropriations Committee

This bill would have provided for automatic adjustments in community colleges' General Fund apportionments based on shortfalls or surpluses in total local revenues, i.e. property taxes plus student fee revenues.

AB 2655 (Swanson)
Community colleges: inmate education programs: computation of apportionments

Failed passage, Senate Appropriations Committee

This bill would have waived the open course requirement for California Community College courses offered in state correctional facilities and allowed attendance hours generated by credit courses to be funded at the credit rate, instead of the noncredit funding rate.



BUILDING STANDARDS & CONTRACTS

AB 85 (Mendoza)

School facilities: security locks

Failed passage, Assembly Appropriations Committee

This bill would have required K-12 and California Community College (CCC) modernization projects, on or after January 1, 2012, to include locks that allow doors to classrooms or any room with the occupancy of five or more persons to be locked from the inside. Requires new CCC construction projects to comply with these requirements.

AB 405 (Solorio)

Public postsecondary education: joint-use facilities

Failed passage, Assembly Appropriations Committee

This bill would have required the California Community Colleges (CCC) to establish a joint-use facilities program, aligned with existing CCC facilities regulations, upon the availability of funding for this purpose.

AB 450 (Wieckowski)

California State University: food service contracts

Vetoed

This bill would have required that the California State University (CSU) Trustees' policies and procedures for the acquisition of specified services ensure that the service contractor fully discloses to the CSU campus, auxiliary organization, or other unit of the CSU unit all discounts, rebates, allowances and incentives received from suppliers, and that the contractor pay the full amount of these to the CSU campus, and requires that these requirements be placed in agreements upon their renewal, extension, or amendment, or be part of any new service agreement.

Veto Message: *This bill targets a narrow set of contracts between the California State University campuses and their food vendors. It aims to correct a problem that may or may not exist by requiring those vendors to disclose supplier discounts and pass them on to the campuses. Since they can already do this on their own, this measure is not necessary.*

AB 948 (Furutani)**Public contracts: competitive bidding: best value***Failed passage, Assembly Higher Education Committee*

This bill would have allowed the University of California and the California Community Colleges to include "best value" as a criteria for bid evaluation and selection for contracts for goods and materials or services.

AB 1748 (Fong)**California Community Colleges: fair market value of leases***Chapter 78, Statutes of 2012*

This bill removes the limitation that the fair market value of specified short-term leases not exceed \$25,000 annually, for California Community College district buildings or space not being used for educational purposes.

AB 1917 (Dickinson)**Education finance: acquisition of food services***Failed passage, Senate Appropriations Committee*

This bill would have established new requirements to be met if a school district governing board enters into a contract for the acquisition of food services.

SB 1280 (Pavley)**Public contracts: University of California and community college districts:
competitive bidding: best value***Chapter 708, Statutes of 2012*

This bill, until January 1, 2018, authorizes a California Community College district and the University of California (UC) to let any contract for expenditures greater than \$50,000 and \$100,000, respectively for the purchase of supplies and materials in accordance with "best value" policies as adopted by the local governing board, and UC Regents, respectively.



ECONOMIC & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

AB 835 (Mitchell)

Community colleges: Economic and Workforce Development Program

Chapter 224, Statutes of 2011

Authorizes, for programs developed under the Career Technical Education Pathways Initiative, a California Community College (CCC) district to enroll a high school pupil who is not a resident of that CCC district.

AB 1310 (Furutani)

Career technical education and workforce development

Vetoed

This bill required specified state agencies to develop a strategic plan for connecting education and workforce development.

Veto Message: *This bill would require the Labor and Workforce Development Agency, in conjunction with the California Workforce Investment Board, the Office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, the State Department of Education, to develop a strategic plan that connects the delivery of education and workforce development in California.*

Although I heartily agree with the author's goal, I don't think a new law is needed. My Senior Advisor for Jobs and Economic Development and my Secretary of Labor are already working with educators, labor and business leaders to achieve the important objectives of this bill. I have asked them to work with the author and supporters of the bill to make sure their good ideas are acted on.

AB 1618 (Galgiani)

High-speed rail

Failed passage, Assembly Appropriations Committee

This bill would have required the High Speed Rail Authority to consult with the University of California, the California State University, and the California Community Colleges to determine how the state can best meet the educational needs for the high-speed rail design, construction, and maintenance workforce.

AB 2309 (Hill)
Community colleges: Public-Private Partnership Pilot Program

Vetoed

This bill would have authorized the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, once sufficient funding became available, to establish a competitive grant pilot program to evaluate a public-private partnership model designed to accomplish specified objectives relating to business development and job creation.

Veto Message: *Since I have now signed SB 1402, which reauthorizes the California Community Colleges Economic and Workforce Development Program, the objectives sought by this bill can be achieved under current law.*

SB 1070 (Steinberg)
Career Technical Education Pathways Program

Chapter 433, Statutes of 2012

This bill recasts and revises provisions of the Education Code that govern the Career Technical Education (CTE) Pathways Initiative, and extends the program's sunset date from January 1, 2013 until June 30, 2015. This bill makes numerous legislative findings and declarations.

SB 1402 (Lieu)
Economic development: California Community Colleges Economic and Workforce Development Program

Chapter 361, Statutes of 2012

This bill recasts and revises provisions of the Education Code governing the California Community Colleges (CCC) Economic and Workforce Development Program and extends the program's sunset date from January 1, 2013, to January 1, 2018.



GENERAL HIGHER EDUCATION ISSUES

AB 2 (Portantino)

Postsecondary education: Educational and Economic Goals for California Higher Education

Failed passage, Senate Appropriations Committee

This bill would have required the state to establish an accountability framework for achieving prescribed educational and economic goals as specified.

AB 248 (Perea)

Personal income tax: physicians: qualified medical services.

Failed passage, Assembly Appropriations Committee

As introduced, this bill requested the Regents of the University of California to manage high-tech research facilities for use by the University of California and private companies for research projects.

On June 13, 2011, AB 248 was amended out of the jurisdiction of the Assembly Higher Education Committee to address qualified medical expense credits against personal income taxes.

AB 626 (Blumenfield)

Distance learning: definition

Failed passage, Assembly Higher Education Committee

This bill would have established a definition for "distance learning" to mean a course conducted with over one-half of the instructional content delivered when faculty and students are in different physical places.

AB 851 (Nestande)

Distance learning

Failed passage, Senate Appropriations Committee

This bill would have defined distance learning for purposes of data collection and reporting. This bill required the California State University and the California Community Colleges, and requested the University of California, by January 1, 2014, and every two years thereafter, to report on distance learning course workload and key performance data, as specified. This bill also required the Legislative Analyst's Office to convene a work group by February 1, 2012, as

specified, to evaluate whether it is necessary or advisable to establish the Western Governor's University, California. The work group was required to report its findings to the Legislature by February 1, 2013.

AB 1533 (Mitchell)
Medicine: trainees: international medical graduates
Chapter 109, Statutes of 2012

This bill, until January 1, 2019, authorizes a clinical instruction pilot program for certain bilingual international medical graduates (IMGs) at the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) as part of an existing pre-residency training program, at the option of UCLA. This bill allows IMGs to engage in hands-on clinical training during their participation in the IMG pilot program if they meet specified requirements.

On March 6, 2012, the referral of AB 1533 to the Assembly Higher Education Committee was removed.

AB 1723 (Fuentes)
Postsecondary educational institutions: meetings: live video and audio transmission
Chapter 580, Statutes of 2012

Requires the governing boards of the California Community Colleges (CCC), the California State University (CSU), and the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC), and requests the University of California (UC) Regents, to provide live video transmission of all board meetings open to the public and to archive and post video and audio transmissions for at least the preceding 12 months, and within 48 hours of the initial transmission, on their respective Web sites.

AB 1955 (Block)
Public postsecondary education: campus law enforcement agency and student liaison
Chapter 581, Statutes of 2012

This bill requires the California State University (CSU) Trustees, and requests the University of California (UC) Regents, to designate an individual at each of its respective campuses to serve as a liaison between campus law enforcement agencies and students exercising constitutionally guaranteed rights.

AB 2190 (John A. Pérez)
Postsecondary education: California Higher Education Authority

Failed passage, Assembly Appropriations Committee

This bill would have established a new state oversight and coordinating body for higher education.

AB 2320 (Nestande)
Franchise Tax Board: State Board of Equalization: study

Failed passage, Assembly Rules Committee

As introduced, this bill would have required by January 1, 2016, and every 2 years thereafter, the Trustees of the California State University and the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, and requested the Regents of the University of California, to report to the Legislature on workload and key performance data on distance learning courses, as defined, and would, by February 1, 2014, also have required the Legislative Analyst's Office to convene a task force composed of specified members to identify the steps needed to establish the Western Governors University, California, as a degree-granting institution that is self-supporting.

On April 19, 2012, AB 2320 was amended out of the jurisdiction of the Assembly Higher Education Committee to deal with taxation.

AB 2572 (Furutani)
Los Angeles Community College District: governing board elections

Chapter 754, Statutes of 2012

This bill, commencing with the 2013 election, authorizes the governing board of the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) to adopt a resolution by majority vote to enact an alternative method by which members of the governing board may be elected at large and by individual seat number, as specified.

On March 29, 2012, AB 2572 was referred to the Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee.

AB 2578 (Solorio)
Franchise Tax Board: information: tax refund deposits: tax-advantaged savings plans

Failed passage, Assembly Appropriations Committee

As introduced, this bill would have required individual Scholarshare contributions be matched by an equal amount of state funds.

On April 9, 2012, AB 2578 was amended out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee's jurisdiction to deal with the Franchise Tax Board.

SB 721 (Lowenthal)
California postsecondary education: state goals

Vetoed

This bill stated the intent of the Legislature that budget and policy decisions regarding postsecondary education generally adhere to 3 specified goals and to identify and define appropriate metrics in order to monitor progress toward the achievement of those 3 goals and establish interim targets for those metrics to be achieved by 2025, requiring the Legislative Analyst's Office to convene a working group to develop those metrics, and any recommended interim targets for those metrics, as specified.

Veto Message: *This bill sets three goals for our colleges and postsecondary institutions and orders the Legislative Analyst to create a committee to establish metrics that measure progress towards these goals. The bill also requires annual reports.*

Questions about who should measure, what to measure and how to measure what is learned in college are way too important to be delegated to the Legislative Analyst.

SB 940 (Committee on Education)
Education

Chapter 349, Statutes of 2011

Corrects technical errors and oversights, and makes non-controversial and conforming changes to statutes related to education.



LABOR RELATIONS & EMPLOYMENT

AB 383 (Portantino)

Public postsecondary education: community colleges

Failed passage, Assembly Higher Education Committee

This bill would have provided a one-time stipend, amount as yet undetermined, to a California Community College district that enters into a collective bargaining agreement that prohibits a full-time instructor from teaching overload or extra assignments in excess of 50% of a full-time workload in any semester that commences on or after January 1, 2012.

AB 852 (Fong)

Public postsecondary education: community colleges: temporary faculty

Failed passage, Senate Floor

This bill would have provided temporary community college faculty who meet specified requirements the right of first refusal for teaching assignments commencing on July 1, 2012.

AB 965 (Dickinson)

Community colleges: full-time faculty hiring

Failed passage, Assembly Higher Education Committee

This bill would have required community college districts that have less than 75% of their hours of credit instruction taught by full-time instructors to apply a portion of their funds allocated to apportionment growth according to specified formulas, applicable only if prescribed conditions are met.

AB 1826 (Roger Hernández)

Community colleges: full-time instructors

Failed passage, Senate Appropriations

This bill would have prohibited a full-time faculty member of a community college district (CCD) from being assigned a workload with an overload or extra assignments exceeding 50% of the full-time semester or quarter workload.

SB 259 (Hancock)
Higher education: employees

Vetoed

This bill would have expanded the definition of employees under the Higher Education Employer-Employee Relations Act to include students whose employment is contingent on their status as students, specifically to graduate student researchers.

Veto Message: *This bill would grant collective bargaining rights to graduate student researchers at the state's public universities. The Higher Education Employee-Employer Relations Act holds that:*

"the Board may find student employees whose employment is contingent on their status as students are employees only if the services they provide are unrelated to their educational objectives, or, that those educational objectives are subordinate to the services that they perform"

The Public Employment Relations Board has held, pursuant to this provision of law, that teaching assistants are employees, but that research assistants are not. This legislation would overturn that determination.

Collaboration between faculty and research assistants is an integral part of their training and education. It is rare that this relationship is subject to collective bargaining at other universities and I am reluctant to upset the balance established under current law.

While I received many thoughtful communications on both sides of this matter, I did not find sufficient and persuasive evidence warranting a change to the current framework within which graduate student researchers and faculty undertake their joint intellectual inquiries. Some researchers may be consigned to rather menial tasks, while others join collaboratively in exciting research endeavors. It is not clear how collective bargaining will discourage the former or influence the later.

Finally, given the current stresses facing the state and its universities, now is not the time to mandate these new requirements.

SB 629 (Lowenthal)
Public postsecondary education: California Community Colleges

Failed passage, Assembly Higher Education Committee

This bill would have expand the authority of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges to appoint persons without permanent civil service status to vice chancellor and assistant vice chancellor positions through the career executive assignment process, if the individual had a minimum of five years of specified work experience, previously held permanent status in civil service, was employed by the Legislature for two or more consecutive years, or held for two or more consecutive years one or more nonelected exempt positions in the executive branch.



PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

AB 611 (Gordon)

Private postsecondary education: unaccredited doctoral degree program.

Chapter 103, Statutes of 2011

Amends the Private Postsecondary Education Act to prohibit unaccredited institutions from offering doctoral degrees without disclosing to prospective students prior to enrollment that the degree program is unaccredited, whether the degree issued is issued in a field that requires licensure in the state, and any known limitation of the degree.

AB 773 (Block)

Postsecondary education: Student Tuition Recovery Fund

Died for lack of a hearing, Assembly Higher Education Committee

This bill would have required the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education to adopt regulations under the Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) authorizing an institution to pay STRF assessments on behalf of their students.

AB 797 (Conway)

Private postsecondary education: schools of cosmetology.

Died for lack of hearing, Assembly Higher Education Committee

This bill would have exempted schools of cosmetology, as defined, from the California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009, which, among other things, provides for student protections and regulatory oversight of private postsecondary schools in the state, including schools of cosmetology.

AB 1013 (Committee on Higher Education)

Private postsecondary education

Chapter 167, Statutes of 2011

Clarifies provisions of the Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009. Specifically, this bill:

- 1) Allows the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education to publish a list of eligible examinations for ability-to-benefit students, if the United States Department of Education does not have an approved examination relevant to the specific occupational training program.
 - 2) Ensures students are provided until the first class day or the seventh day after enrollment, whichever is later, to cancel a program and receive a refund.
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AB 1366 (Jeffries)**Private postsecondary education: student financial aid: notice**

Failed for lack of a hearing, Assembly Higher Education Committee

Existing law provides that within 5 days of the commencement of any cause of action, including an emergency action, by the Student Aid Commission against a private postsecondary educational institution in connection with the Federal Family Education Loan Program, the director of the commission shall give notice, in writing, of the commencement of the action to the Council for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education. This bill would have required the California Student Aid Commission to give that notice within 8, rather than 5, days of the commencement of any cause of action.

AB 2296 (Block)**California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009**

Chapter 585, Statutes of 2012

This bill expands the requirements to be met by private postsecondary educational institutions subject to state oversight under the California Private Postsecondary Education Act by expanding disclosures related to unaccredited programs; expanding disclosure requirements for all regulated institutions; establishing more stringent criteria for determining gainful employment and calculating job placement rates; and, increasing institutional documentation and reporting requirements around completion rates, job placement/license exam passage rates, and salary/wage information for graduates.

AB 2316 (Hueso)**California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009: exemption**

Died for lack of hearing, Assembly Higher Education Committee

The California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009, provides, among other things, for student protections and regulatory oversight of private postsecondary educational institutions in the state. The act is enforced by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education within the Department of Consumer Affairs. The act provides several exemptions, including, but not limited to, an exemption for an institution that is accredited by a regional accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education, and does not hold a specified accreditation, from specified provisions of the act until January 1, 2016. This bill would have provided that exemption shall apply only until January 1, 2015.

**SB 122 (Price)
Healing Arts**

Chapter 789, Statutes of 2012

This bill authorizes the Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) to receive a fee from applicants and for renewal of a school of nursing's authorization, requires BRN to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (Bureau) to delineate the powers of the Bureau related to consumer protection, as specified, and authorizes the California Medical Board (Board) to determine that an applicant is eligible for a physician and surgeon's certificate if they attended a foreign medical school that is not recognized or has been previously disapproved by the Board if the applicant meets specified requirements.

**SB 619 (Fuller)
California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009: exemptions.**

Chapter 309, Statutes of 2011

Exempts from the Private Postsecondary Education Act and related oversight by the Bureau of Private Postsecondary Education flight instruction providers or programs that provide flight instruction pursuant to Federal Aviation Administration regulations and do not require students to enter into a contract of indebtedness nor require the upfront payment of instruction-related costs in excess of \$2500. Declares this bill an urgency statute and provides that the provisions of the bill shall take effect immediately.



STUDENT SUCCESS AND OTHER ISSUES

AB 176 (Lara)
Standardized testing: valid identification

Chapter 58, Statutes of 2011

Requires a test sponsor, for purposes of admitting a test subject to take a standardized test, to provide alternative methods to verify a test subject's identity for those test subjects who are unable to provide the required identification and allows a test sponsor to require test subjects to obtain approval in advance of the test deadline in order to be admitted to the test with an alternate form of identification.

AB 372 (Roger Hernández)
California community colleges: matriculation services

Failed passage, Senate Appropriations Committee

Requires the California Community Colleges, as part of the matriculation process, to assess prior college-level learning gained by veterans and military service personnel through non-college credit means, as specified. This bill makes legislative findings and declarations regarding veterans.

AB 668 (Block)
California State University: examinations: undue hardship

Chapter 613, Statutes of 2011

Defines what constitutes an “undue hardship” on the California State University for the purpose of denying a request to reschedule a test or examination by a student for whom the test time violates the student’s religious creed.

AB 743 (Block)
California Community Colleges: common assessment system

Chapter 615, Statutes of 2011

Requires the California Community College (CCC) Board of Governors to establish a common assessment system to be used for the purposes of CCC student placement and advisement.

AB 1056 (Fong)
Public postsecondary education: community colleges

Chapter 620, Statutes of 2011

Requires the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office to implement a procedure to facilitate the electronic transmission of student transcripts, contingent upon funding provided for this purpose.

AB 1741 (Fong)
The California Community Colleges Student Success and Support Program Act of 2012

Failed passage, Senate Education Committee

This bill would have required the California Community Colleges Board of Governors to develop a plan for supporting specified goals as part of its efforts to improve student success that are contained in SB 1456 (Lowenthal) of 2012.

AB 1743 (Campos)
Student athletes: scholarships

Chapter 16, Statutes of 2012

Clarifies that existing law regarding the provision of information about athletic scholarships to student athletes applies only to postsecondary educational institutions with a physical campus and athletic facilities in California.

AB 2093 (Skinner)
Foster Youth Higher Education Preparation and Support Act of 2012

Failed passage, Assembly Appropriations Committee

This bill would have established the Foster Youth Higher Education Preparation and Support Act of 2012 to provide comprehensive support to students at public postsecondary education campuses who are current or former foster youth.

AB 2122 (Lara)
Standardized testing: testing accommodations

Chapter 583, Statutes of 2012

This bill requires the test sponsor of the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) to provide testing accommodations to a disabled test subject.

AB 2171 (Fong)
Public postsecondary education: community college: expulsion hearing

Chapter 426, Statutes of 2012

This bill authorizes a community college district to require a student seeking admission to disclose his/her prior expulsion from another community college district and authorizes the governing board of a community college district to deny enrollment, permit enrollment, or permit conditional enrollment to a student who has been expelled, or is being considered for expulsion, from another district for specified offenses within the preceding five years.

AB 2471 (Lara)
Postsecondary education: e-textbooks

Failed passage, Assembly Appropriations Committee

This bill would have required e-textbooks used in courses at the state's postsecondary institutions to include specified consumer protections, and required the institutions to adopt rules consistent with these requirements. Specifically, this bill:

- 1) Required an e-textbook assigned as required or recommended reading in a course comply with the following:
 - a) Required that the publisher allow full refund for a purchased e-textbook up to 14 days from the date of purchase.
 - b) Required that the publisher provide the consumer explicit digital rights management, including all of the following:
 - i) Percentages of the e-textbook that can be printed, be copied and pasted, and exported outside of the electronic reading environment.
 - ii) The durability of any notes or highlights the consumer creates.
 - iii) The duration of time that the consumer can access the e-textbook.
 - 2) Required the Trustees of the California State University and the governing board of every community college district, and urged the Regents of the University of California and the governing body of each private postsecondary institution offering baccalaureate degrees to develop and adopt rules, regulations, and procedures mandating that e-textbooks comply with all of the above requirements.
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AB 2497 (Solorio)
California State University: Early Start Program

Chapter 430, Statutes of 2012

This bill, beginning January 1, 2014, and every two years thereafter, requires the Legislative Analyst's Office, in consultation with the California State University (CSU), to submit a report detailing the impact of the CSU Early Start Program (Program) on student mathematics and English proficiency. This bill sunsets on January 1, 2018.

AB 2534 (Block)
The California Community Colleges: veterans education pilot program

Failed passage, Senate Appropriations Committee

This bill would have required the California Community College Chancellor's Office to establish a voluntary pilot program to authorize 3 to 5 campuses to establish and maintain a career technical education program that factors experiential learning for veterans for career technical education course credit, certificates and associate degrees. This bill also required the Legislative Analyst's Office to submit a specified report.

SB 760 (Alquist)
Sexually violent predators: evaluations

Chapter 790, Statutes of 2012

As introduced, this bill required the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) to report to the legislative budget and policy committees, annually by January 1, 2016, and consistent with statutory reporting requirements, specified information on student performance that postsecondary education institutions participating in the Cal Grant program must annually report to CSAC and the names of the postsecondary educational institutions that failed to report the required data.

On June 18, 2012, SB 760 was amended out of the jurisdiction of the Assembly Higher Education Committee to address evaluations of sexually violent predators.

SB 774 (Hancock)
Public postsecondary education: parking fees.

Chapter 245, Statutes of 2011

Increases the maximum amount students and employees of a California Community College district may be charged for parking services.

SB 1052 (Steinberg, Alquist)
Public postsecondary education: California Open Education Resources Council

Chapter 621, Statutes of 2012

This bill provides for the development of low-cost digital textbooks for 50 lower division courses, as specified, across the state's public postsecondary education segments, subject to state and/or private funding.

SB 1053 (Steinberg, Alquist)
Public postsecondary education: California Digital Open Source Library

Chapter 622, Statutes of 2012

This bill establishes the California Open Source Digital Library for the purpose of housing open source materials.

SB 1289 (Corbett)
Postsecondary education: private student loans

Chapter 623, Statutes of 2012

This bill requires private or independent postsecondary educational institutions, the California State University, and the University of California (UC) if the UC Regents concur, to provide specified information to students regarding federal and private student loans.

SB 1328 (de León)
Postsecondary education: textbooks

Failed passage, Assembly Higher Education Committee

This bill would have required a publisher to provide textbook data in specified formats; encouraged public and private postsecondary institutions to develop faculty textbook adoption search engines with specified functions; and required campus bookstores at private and public postsecondary institutions to provide a student textbook comparison engine on their Web sites, as specified.

SB 1349 (Yee)
Social media privacy: postsecondary education

Chapter 619, Statutes of 2012

This bill establishes a privacy policy for postsecondary education students with respect to their use of social media.

SB 1456 (Lowenthal)
Community colleges: Seymour-Campbell Student Success Act of 2012

Chapter 624, Statutes of 2012

This bill establishes new requirements to be met by low-income students in order to receive a Board of Governor's fee waiver at the California Community Colleges, revises and recasts the Seymour-Campbell Matriculation Act of 1986 as the Seymour-Campbell Success Act of 2012, and establishes new requirements to be met in order for community college districts to receive matriculation funds.

SB 1525 (Padilla)
Postsecondary education: Student Athlete Bill of Rights

Chapter 625, Statutes of 2012

Enacts the Student Athlete Bill of Rights that requires intercollegiate athletic programs at universities, as defined, to provide scholarships to injured student athletes, continue to pay specified medical expenses for a student athlete who was injured, and conduct financial and life skills workshops for student athletes, and clarifies the process for student athletes seeking a transfer.

SB 1539 (Corbett)
Postsecondary education: textbooks

Chapter 151, Statutes of 2012

Requires the publisher of a textbook, or an agent or employee of the publisher, to provide prescribed data about the textbook to prospective purchasers.



V E T E R A N S

AB 635 (Knight)

Veterans' benefits: public postsecondary education: mandatory educational fees

Died for lack of hearing, Assembly Higher Education Committee

This bill would have permitted the California State University, the University of California, and the California Community Colleges to designate mandatory education fees as tuition for purposes of veterans' benefits.

AB 636 (Knight)

Military service: benefits

Chapter 293, Statutes of 2011

Allows a student who withdraws prior to or during the academic term from an institution due to active military service to receive a full refund of tuition and fees paid, even if the withdrawal is after the normal withdrawal deadline.

AB 649 (Harkey)

Public postsecondary education: veteran's enrollment

Failed passage, Senate Education Committee

This bill would have extended the period of time for priority class registration enrollment, from two years to five years, to members or former members of the Armed Services and required that any member or former member of the Armed Services be a California resident.

AB 1832 (Silva)

Public postsecondary education: veterans: priority registration

Died for lack of hearing, Assembly Higher Education Committee

This bill would extend the time period for which those institutions are required and requested to grant priority registration for enrollment from 4 to 15 years of leaving state or federal active duty, thereby imposing a state-mandated local program.

AB 1969 (Gaines)
Regulations: filing

Failed passage, Business, Professional & Consumer Protection Committee

As introduced, AB 1969 would have required a student who is a member or former member of the Armed Forces of the United States, as defined, or the State Military Reserve, except former members who received a specified discharge, to be exempt from paying nonresident tuition at the California State University and the California Community Colleges, and would have requested those members and former members to be exempt from paying nonresident tuition at the University of California.

On August 29, 2012, AB 1965 was amended out of the jurisdiction of the Assembly Higher Education Committee to address the filing of regulations by state agencies.

AB 2133 (Blumenfield, Silva)
Veterans: priority registration

Chapter 400, Statutes of 2012

This bill enacts the Combat to College Act of 2012, which authorizes a qualifying student to use the four academic years during which these institutions are required, or requested, to grant priority registration for enrollment within 15 years of his/her leaving state or federal active duty, and requests the University of California to comply with these provisions.

AB 2202 (Block)
Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children:
task force: State Council

Chapter 402, Statutes of 2012

As introduced, AB 2202 required the Legislative Analyst's Office to conduct a study and make recommendations to the Legislature, by January 1, 2014, regarding opportunities for expanding access to postsecondary education in underserved areas, as specified, and required the study to consider the possible expansion of distance education, the establishment of off-campus centers and new campuses, regional partnerships with existing postsecondary education providers, and local admissions guarantees.

On June 18, 2012, AB 2202 was amended out of the jurisdiction of the Assembly Higher Education Committee to address reconvening a task force to review the impact of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children on California.

AB 2250 (Gaines, Norby)
Public postsecondary education: nonresident tuition: military members

Failed passage, Assembly Appropriations Committee

This bill would have provided that a student, or his/her spouse, who served in the Armed Forces for at least 36 months and received an honorable discharge, is exempt from paying non-resident tuition for their first full year of continuous enrollment at the California Community Colleges, the California State University, and the University of California if the student filed an affidavit with the college stating they intend to establish residency in California.

AB 2462 (Block, Cook, Fuentes)
**Public postsecondary education: academic credit for
prior military academic experience**

Chapter 404, Statutes of 2012

Requires, by July 1, 2015, the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, using common course descriptors and pertinent standards of the American Council on Education, to determine for which courses credit should be awarded for prior military experience.

AB 2478 (Hayashi)
Student residency requirements: veterans

Chapter 405, Statutes of 2012

This bill provides that a California Community College student who was a member of the Armed Forces stationed in California for more than one year immediately prior to being discharged, is exempt from paying nonresident fees for up to one year within two years of discharge, if he or she files an affidavit with the community college stating an intent to establish California residency, as specified.

ACR 159 (Gorell, Ma)
Postsecondary education: military veterans

Chapter 129, Statutes of 2012

This resolution encourages the California Community Colleges, the California State University, and the University of California to consider and adopt the American Council on Education credit recommendations to give veterans credit for their military experience.

SB 813 (Committee on Veterans Affairs)
Public postsecondary education: veterans' enrollment

Chapter 375, Statutes of 2011

Extends priority registration enrollment for veterans at the California State University and the California Community Colleges, from two to five years.



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