



# Government Relations Update

June 20, 2023



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- ❖ Audits Under Consideration
  - ❖ Budget Update
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  - ❖ Legislative Update



# Audits Under Consideration

# Transfer Request requested by Asm David Alvarez



Reintroduction of audit on transfer that asked auditor to look at laws, rules, and regulations impacting transfer



Was originally aimed only at the CCC



Was amended to also look at UC and CSU



Including how CSU and UC transfer options have expanded opportunities to transfer

# 50% Law Compliance and Administration Expenditures Requested by Asm Freddie Rodriguez



Audit would assess district compliance with the community colleges 50% law and the use of state appropriations for administrative positions



Would look at 10 community college districts

# 50% Compliance and Administration Expenditures Requested by Asm Freddie Rodriguez



Are colleges in compliance? How were dollars misspent or misclassified?



Do Board of Governors' regulations enhance or restrict class size reduction?



What changes have happened in last decade impacting compensation?



What changes have impacted percentage of management and executive positions?



Calculate changes in ratio of full-time equivalent faculty, support staff, and students to campus administrative positions.

# Talking Points: Draft



Districts are highly regulated and subject to multiple levels of compliance. While the League is not opposed to examining compliance, this audit should not add to the costs of what districts are currently doing.



An examination of the Fifty Percent Law should focus on the significant changes in expectations of community colleges since 1961.



How much does it cost districts to comply with this law and is there a direct correlation between this expenditure and student success?



Why are California Community Colleges the only segment of public education subject to this law?

# Joint Legislative Audit Committee: Assembly Members

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# Joint Legislative Audit Committee: Senate Members

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Antelope Valley, Victor Valley



# Budget



# What's next?

## Mechanics of it all

In recent years, Legislature has presented a united front

This year each house advanced their own responses

June 11: Legislature announced agreement between the 2 houses

June 15: Budget voted on (SB 101)

Negotiations with Governor will commence



# May Revision Update

# Cost-Of-Living Adjustment

January 2023

An increase of \$652.6 million ongoing Proposition 98 General Fund

- Or 8.13-percent Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) for Student Centered Funding Formula apportionments

May 2023

An increase of \$25.4 million ongoing Proposition 98 General Fund

- or 8.22 percent Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) for student Centered Funding Formula Apportionments

# Other Categorical Cost-Of-Living Adjustment

January 2023

An increase of \$92.5 million ongoing Proposition 98 General Fund to provide an 8.13-percent COLA for select categorical programs and the Adult Education Program.

May 2023

An increase of an additional \$3 million ongoing Proposition 98 General Fund to provide an 8.22-percent COLA for select categorical programs and the Adult Education Program.

# COLA

Assembly

- Approve May Revise

Senate

- Approve May Revision

# Deferred Maintenance



January 2023



A decrease of approximately \$213 million one-time Proposition 98 General Fund for deferred maintenance needs.



May 2023



A decrease of approximately \$452 million one-time Proposition 98 General Fund for deferred maintenance needs.



# Student Enrollment & Retention



January 2023



An increase of \$200 million one-time Proposition 98 General Fund to continue to support community college efforts and focused strategies to increase student retention rates and enrollment.



May 2023



Now only \$100 million one-time Proposition 98 General Fund to continue to support community college efforts and focused strategies to increase student retention rates and enrollment.

# COVID-19 Block Grant

A decrease of \$345 million one-time Proposition 98 General Fund in support of the California Community College COVID-19 Recovery Block Grant,

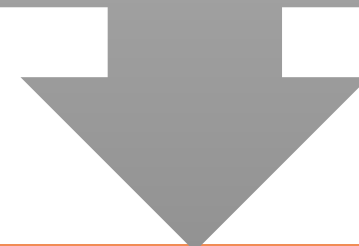
Bringing the block grant amount to \$305 million one-time Proposition 98 General Fund,

Reflecting revised estimates of available Proposition 98 resources



# SB 101

Rejects proposed cut to community college  
COVID-19 Recovery Block Grant and



instead provides districts the flexibility to  
spend funding among:

COVID-19  
learning loss,

recruitment and  
retention, and

deferred  
maintenance  
purposes

# Additional Flexibility

Statutory changes to allow all CCC districts to spend flexibly among specified categorical programs, beginning in 2023-24:

- Student Equity and Achievement Program
- Student Financial Aid Administration
- Student Mental Health Resources

# Categorical Program Statutory Changes to Meet CCC Roadmap Goals

**Assembly**


- **Reject the proposal**

**Senate**

- **Reject this proposal**

# Workforce Flexibility

May Revision also proposes to expand eligible uses of funding for the CCC Strong Workforce Program funding



Including providing funds for 2023-24 student grants to cover fees for third-party certification and licensing and learning in the workplace

# Workforce

## Assembly:

- Approve May  
Revise

## Senate:

- Adopt placeholder  
trailer bill language

# SB 101: Housing

## Assembly Floor Report:

- Approves the May Revision proposal to provide \$450 million one-time General Fund to support student housing projects in 2023-24 and the intent to provide \$95.4 million in 2024-25.
- Adopts placeholder trailer bill language to approve community college student housing projects.







## SB 101: Revolving Loan Housing Program

- Provides \$300 million one-time General Fund for the Student Housing Revolving Loan Fund and includes intent language to provide \$300 million each year for the next five years.



## SB 101

From Assembly Floor Analysis:

Adopts placeholder trailer bill language to implement recommendations made by the State Auditor to improve colleges' use of funding to increase full-time faculty, and to achieve the state goal of 75% of instruction taught by full-time faculty.



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# Assembly Only: Calbright

- Approve budget bill language eliminating the college
- and placeholder trailer bill language directing the college to develop a closure plan





# SB 101

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No reference to Calbright in Senate or  
Assembly document

# SB 101: Nursing

\$60 million per year,



Starting in 2024-25



For at least five years




To grow, educate, and maintain the next generation of registered nurses through the community college system.



**Step 3.1:**  
***Legislature's Version***  
*of the*  
***2023-24 State Budget***



# Protect our Progress

- Provides \$16.951 million Proposition 98 General Fund in 2023-24 and ongoing for a COLA to basic needs centers, mental health services, rapid rehousing, NextUp, MESA, Puente, Veterans Resource Centers, and Umoja programs at community colleges.
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# SB 101: Protect our Progress

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Approves funding to bolster safe spaces, learning communities, and other support services for LGBTQ+ students that attend community colleges across the state.

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# Action Alert: Talking Points

League is focused on the three pillars of **Stability**, **Predictability**, and **Flexibility** all within a framework of **Equity**.

- Support the Governor's proposed COLA at 8.22%.
- Support the Governor's proposed one-time funding for affordable student housing, \$450 million for 2023-24, \$95.4 million for 2024-25.
- Urge flexible local control in budgeting over one-time expenditures, namely Deferred Maintenance, COVID-19 Block Grant, and Enrollment Growth.

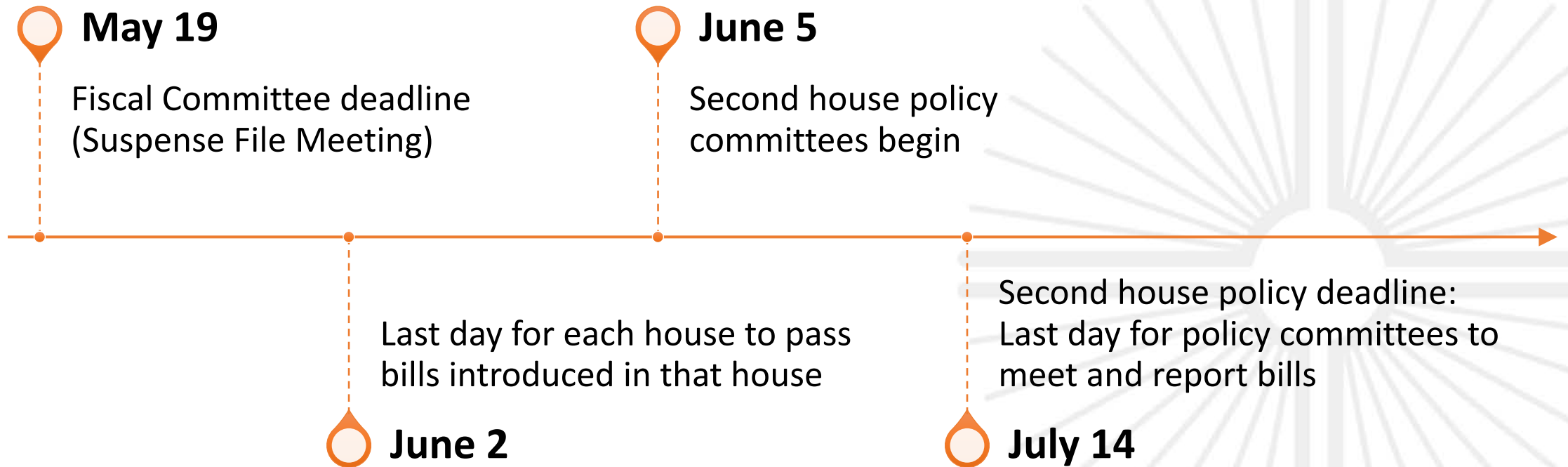


# Shared Advocacy Request



# Legislative Update

# Legislative Calendar



# Legislation

## Academic Affairs:

AB 811 (M. Fong) Repeatability: **WATCH**

AB 634 (Ward) CDCP Programs: **SUPPORT**

AB 1749 (McCarty) UC ADT Program

## Collective Bargaining:

AB 472 (Wicks) Leaves of Absence: **OPPOSE**

AB 1699 (McCarty) K-14 Classified Employees: **OPPOSE**

SB 433 (Cortese) Third Party Disciplinary Hearings: **OPPOSE**

## Workforce:

AB 689 (Carrillo) Healthcare Workers: **OPPOSE**

## Facilities:

AB 358 (Addis) Housing: **SUPPORT**

SB 532 (Wiener) Ballot Measures: **SUPPORT**

## Student Services:

AB 252 (Holden) Athletics: **OPPOSE**

AB 299 (Holden) Hazing: **OPPOSE**

## Financial Aid and Basic Needs:

AB 91 (Alvarez) Non-Resident Tuition: **SUPPORT**

AB 610 (Holden) Transit Passes: **SUPPORT**

AB 1400 (Bryan) HBCU Transfer Students: **SUPPORT**

AB 1542 (M. Fong) BOG Student Success Completion: **SUPPORT**

AB 746 (Sanchez) LAEP: : **SUPPORT**

## Governance:

AB 1142 (M. Fong) CPEC 2.0: **WATCH**

AB 1541 (M. Fong) Student Trustee Advisory Vote: **SUPPORT**

# New Bill Positions: Collective Bargaining

## **AB 472 (Wicks) Compulsory Leaves of Absence**

Among other items, would require schools and community colleges to fully compensate an employee for lost wages if that employee was placed on unpaid leave due to an investigation into criminal or administrative charges, but the investigation was found in the employee's favor.

**Location:** Senate Labor, Public Employment and Retirement Committee

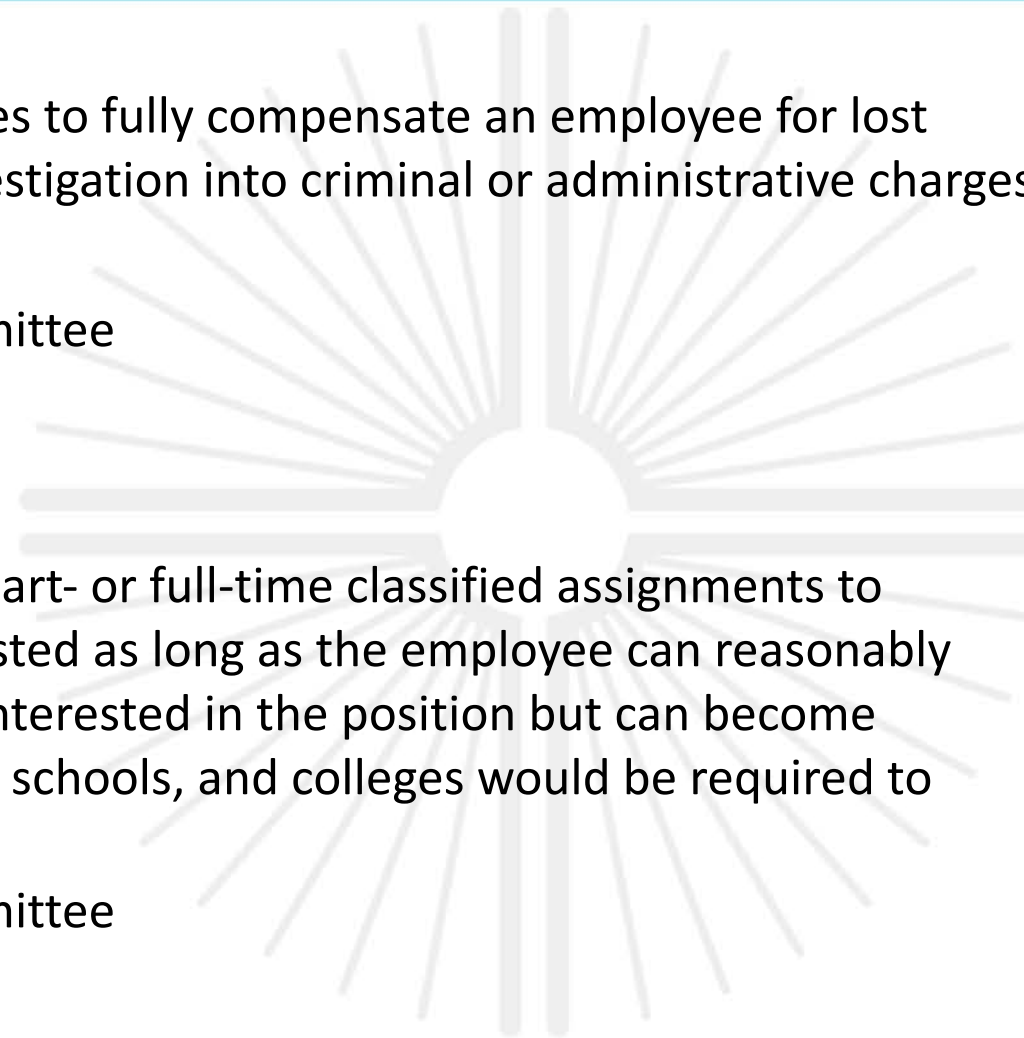
**League Position:** **OPPOSE**

## **AB 1699 (McCarty) K-14 Classified Employees**

This bill would require local education agencies to offer any new part- or full-time classified assignments to existing classified employees before the assignment is publicly posted as long as the employee can reasonably perform the duties of the new job. If an unqualified employee is interested in the position but can become qualified with 10 or a few hours less of professional development, schools, and colleges would be required to provide it.

**Location:** Senate Labor, Public Employment and Retirement Committee

**League Position:** **OPPOSE**



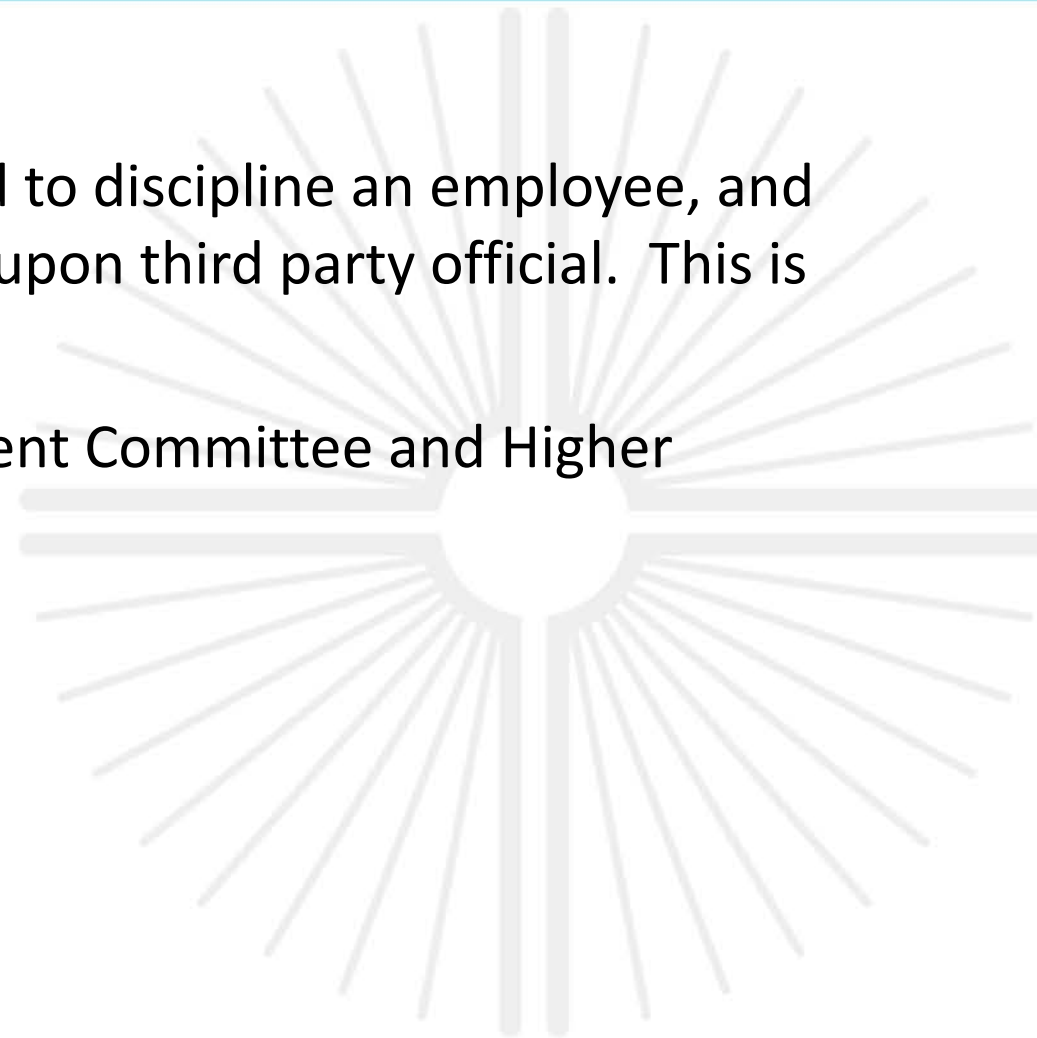
# New Bill Positions: Collective Bargaining

## **SB 433 (Cortese) Third Party Disciplinary Hearings**

Removes the authority of a school or trustee board to discipline an employee, and instead it gives the authority to a mutually agreed upon third party official. This is similar to a merit system of employee discipline.

**Location:** Assembly Public Employment & Retirement Committee and Higher Education Committee

**League Position:** **OPPOSE**



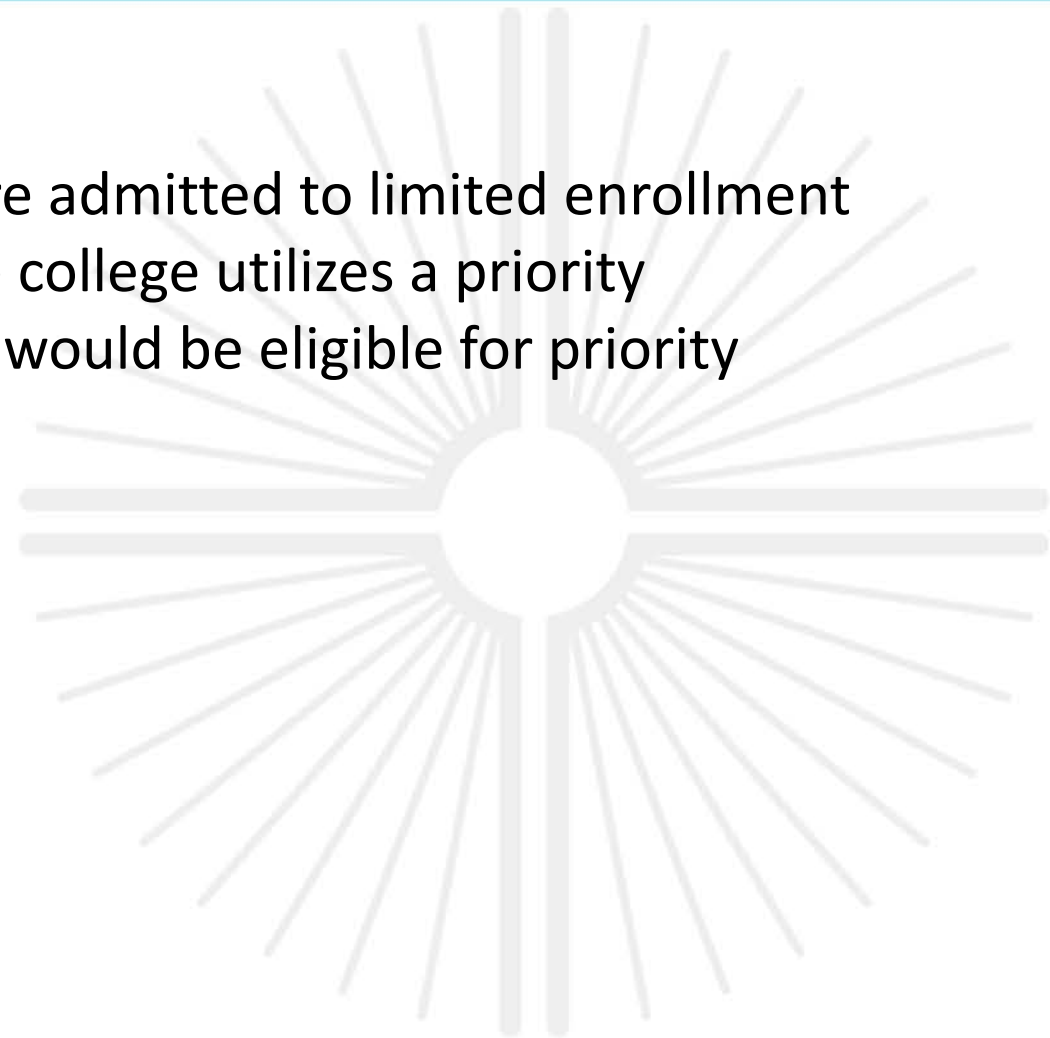
# New Bill Positions: Workforce

## **AB 689 (Carrillo) Healthcare Workers**

Would require that at least 15% of students that are admitted to limited enrollment programs are incumbent healthcare workers. If the college utilizes a priority enrollment system, incumbent healthcare workers would be eligible for priority enrollment.

**Location:** Senate Education Committee

**League Position:** **OPPOSE**





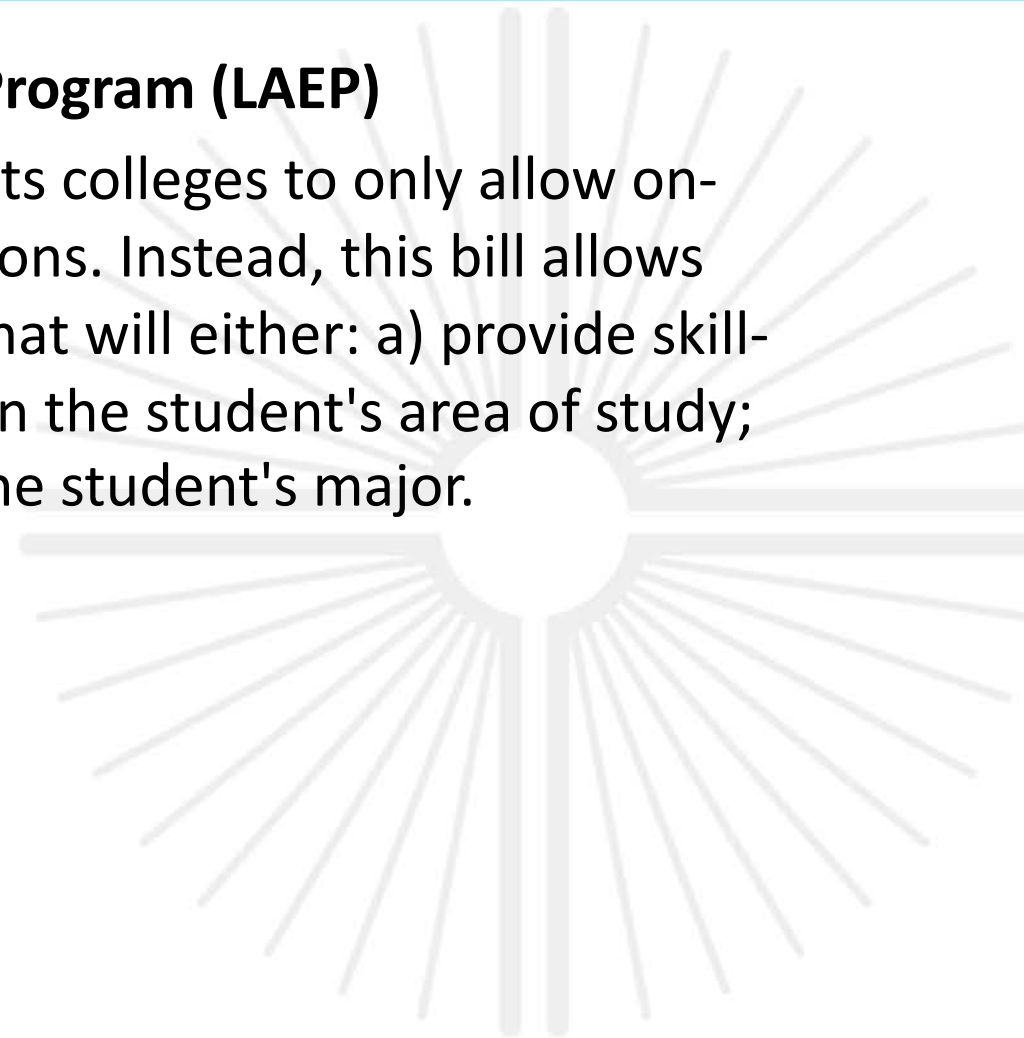
# New Bill Positions: Work study

## **AB 746 (Sanchez) Learning-Aligned Employment Program (LAEP)**

Would remove the current LAEP provision that limits colleges to only allow on-campus employment to students in research positions. Instead, this bill allows colleges the ability to employ students in any job that will either: a) provide skill-building opportunities necessary for employment in the student's area of study; or, b) provide employment experience related to the student's major.

**Location:** Senate Education Committee

**CCCT Position:** **SUPPORT**





# Priority Legislation

- ▶ AB 358 (Addis) Support
- ▶ AB 1400 (Bryan) Support
- ▶ AB 299 (Holden) Oppose



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## Legislative Actions

California's community colleges are encouraged to take action on the following bills (to be updated) during the 2023-24 California legislative cycle. For questions about any of the bills or suggested actions, contact Andrew Martinez, Director of Government Relations, at [amartinez@cleague.org](mailto:amartinez@cleague.org).

[AB 358 \(Addis\)](#)

[AB 1400 \(Bryan\)](#)

### AB 1400 – SUPPORT

**AB 1400** by Assemblymember Bryan would provide up to \$5,000 financial aid scholarships to community college students who are transferring to Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). Students must have completed an Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) pathway, and HBCUs must have an ADT memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office. For funding purposes, this bill would redirect current funds received through the College Access Tax Credit Fund.

Letters are due to the Advocacy Portal **no later than noon on Friday, June 23rd** and to be directed to the Senate Education Committee (check the box for Senate Education). Please submit the letters here: <https://calegislation.lc.ca.gov/Advocates/>

Letters from organizations must be on letterhead and include a signature in order to be listed in the committee analysis. Click [here](#) for the template letter.

## Advocacy

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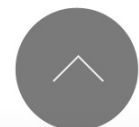
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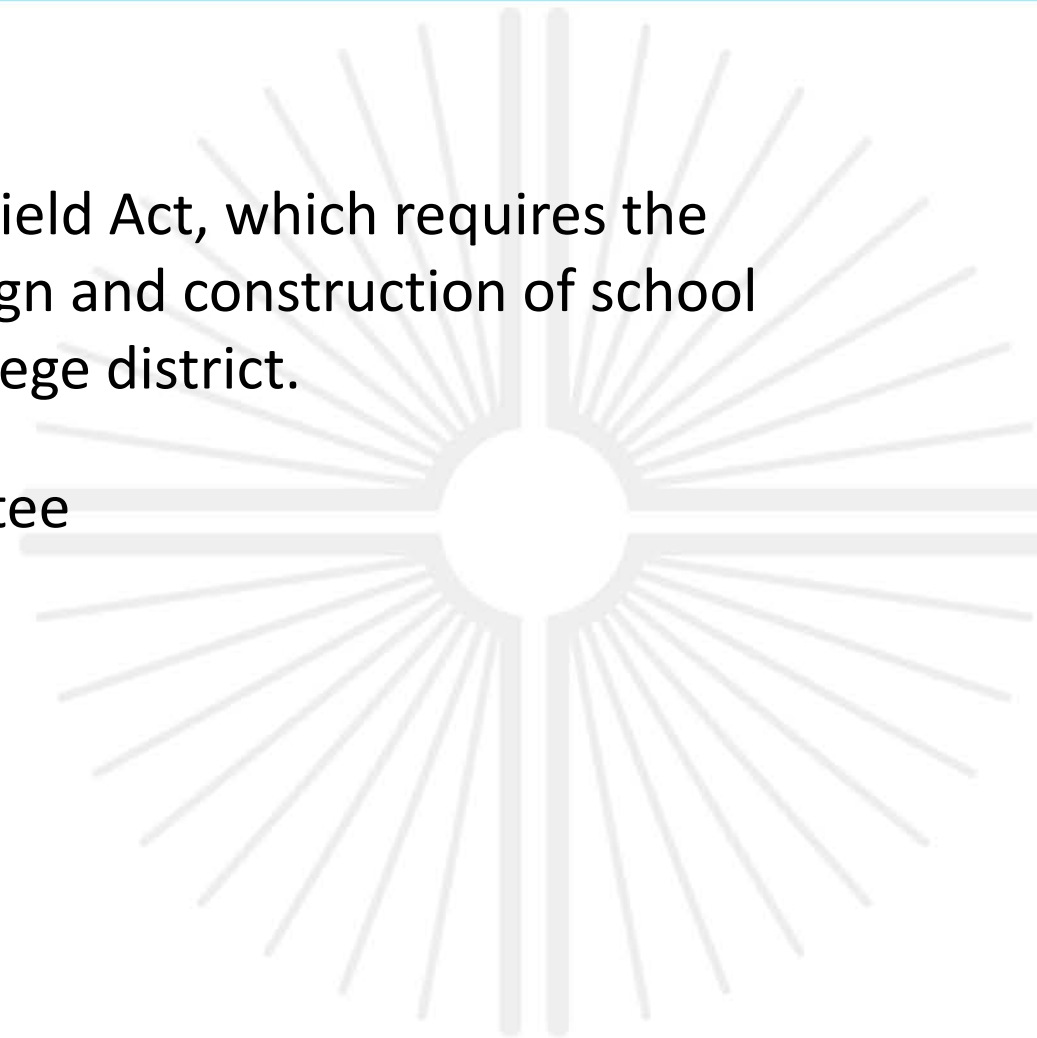
# Priority Legislation: Student Housing

## **AB 358 (Addis) Field Act Exemption**

Would exempt community college housing from the Field Act, which requires the Department of General Services to supervise the design and construction of school buildings, except upon request by the community college district.

**Location:** Senate Appropriations Committee

**League Position:** **SUPPORT**



# Priority Legislation: HBCU Transfer Students

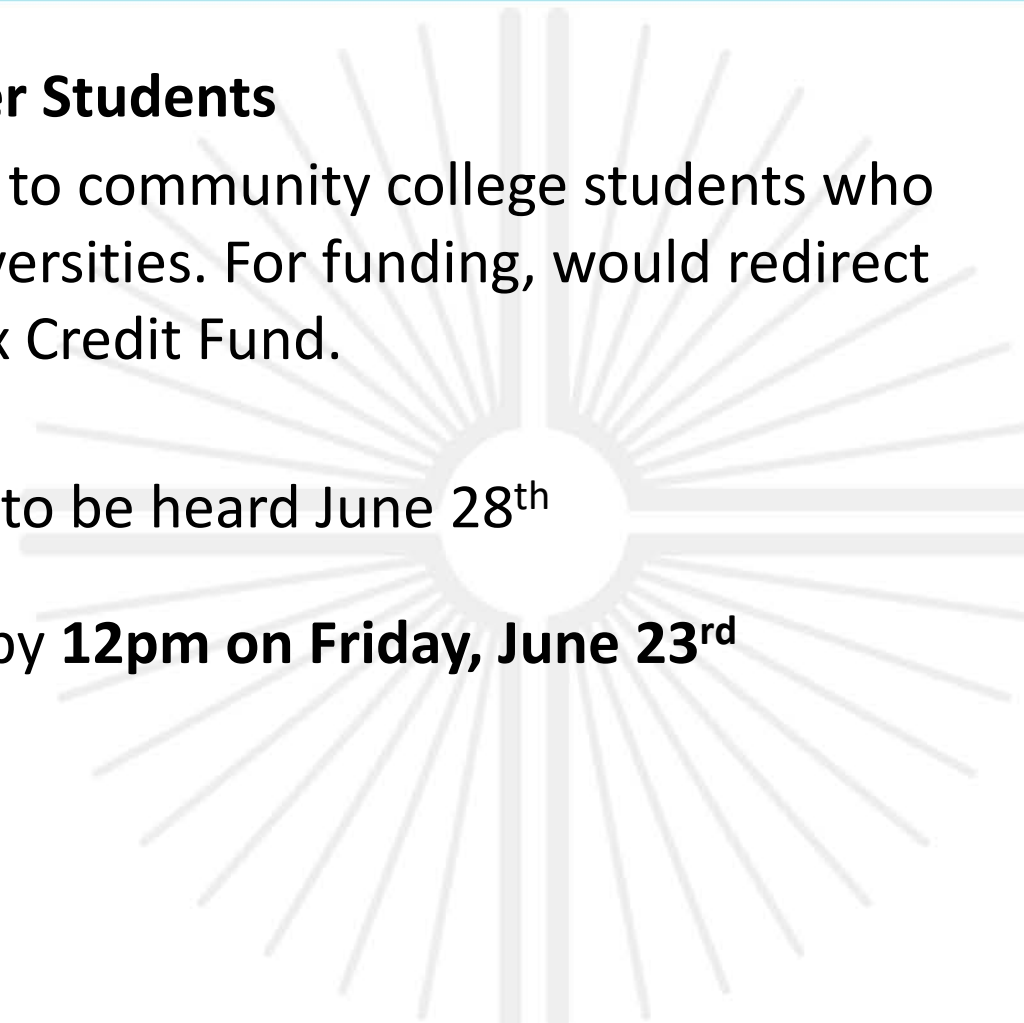
## **AB 1400 (Bryan) Student Financial Aid: HBCU Transfer Students**

Would provide up to \$5,000 financial aid scholarships to community college students who are transferring to Historically Black Colleges and Universities. For funding, would redirect current funds received through the College Access Tax Credit Fund.

**Location:** Senate Education Committee – to be heard June 28<sup>th</sup>

**Grassroots Action:** Submit district template letter by **12pm on Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**League Position:** **SUPPORT**



# Priority Legislation: Civil Liability for Hazing

## **AB 299 (Holden) Hazing: Institutional Liability**

Would make higher educational institutions, including community colleges, liable for hazing activities occurring within student body organizations affiliated with those institutions.

**Location:** Senate Judiciary Committee – to be heard June 27<sup>th</sup>

**Grassroots Action:** Submit opposition letter by **12pm on Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>**

**League Position:** **OPPOSE**

**\*NOTE:** this bill was also referred to Senate Education committee, where there will be a second opportunity to submit opposition letters.

# Legislation: Academic Affairs

## **AB 811 (M. Fong) Repeatability**

Would increase the number of times a student may take a credit course for which they received a substandard grade up to five times. Students who received a satisfactory grade would be permitted to repeat a course at least three times for personal enrichment. Recent amendments narrowed this legislation to focus on the arts, humanities, kinesiology, foreign languages, and ESL.

**Position:** **WATCH**

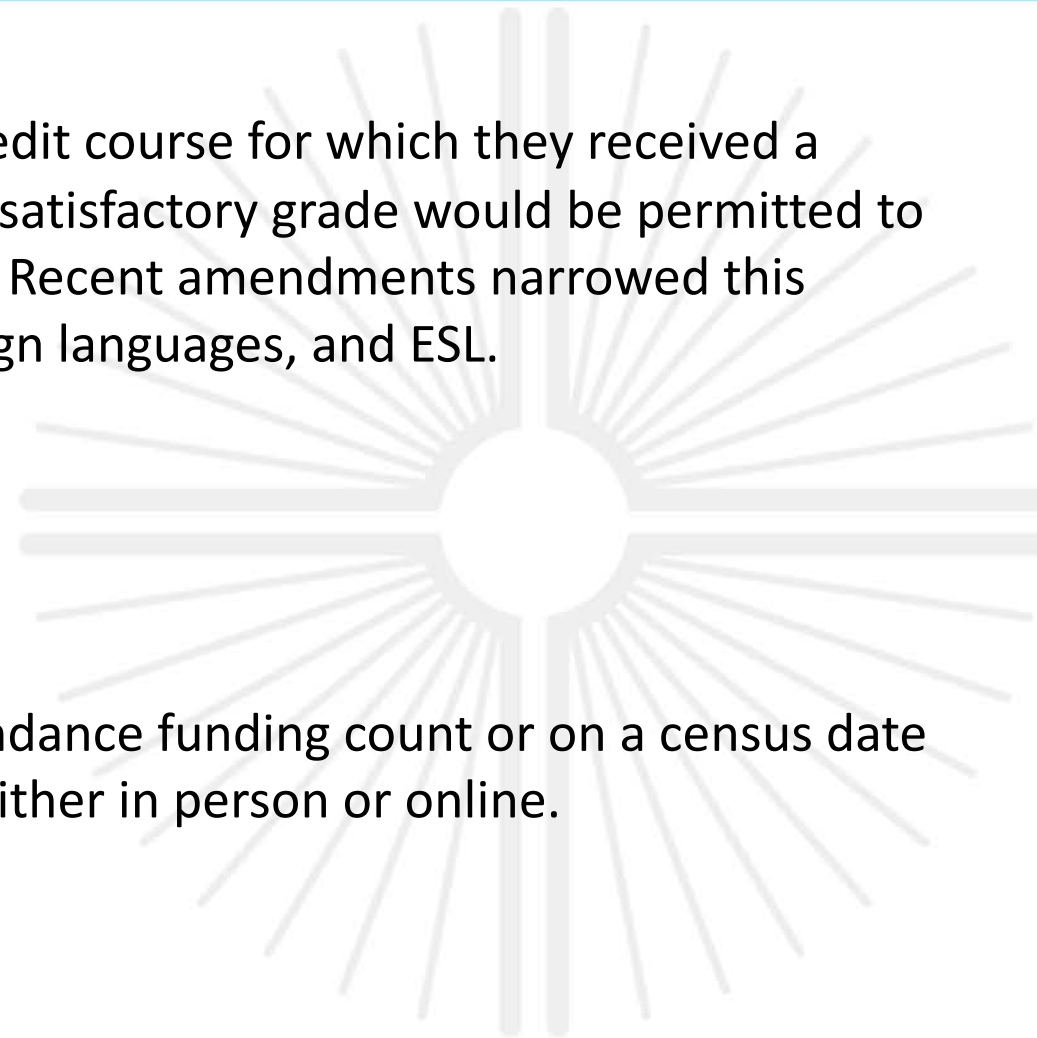
**Location:** Senate Education Committee

## **AB 634 (Ward) CDCP Programs**

Would require CDCP courses to be funded via a positive attendance funding count or on a census date basis, depending on when and how often the course meets either in person or online.

**Position:** **SUPPORT**

**Location:** Senate Appropriations Committee



# Legislation: Academic Affairs

## **AB 1749 (McCarty) University of California ADT Program**

Would require all UC campuses to participate in the ADT program, creating one unified CSU/UC ADT pathway per degree.

### Concerns:

1. This will likely mean a revamp/revision to nearly every ADT to incorporate UC needs, which will take time and resources.
2. In incorporating UC needs, we are likely to adhere to UC requirements. If a student wants to go to a CSU, they would have to do UC level work. This was evident with the implementation of AB 928.
3. Lower division preparation within a major is different for UC and CSU because of the different emphases of their majors/degrees. The UC is theory focused as the CSU is more practical. One unified ADT pathway could result in losing CSU-aligned courses.



# Legislation: Facilities

## **AB 247 (Muratsuchi) Education finance: school facilities: Kindergarten Through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2024.**

Would place a school facilities bond of \$14 billion on the ballot in 2024 for only K-12 and community colleges.

**Position:** **SUPPORT**

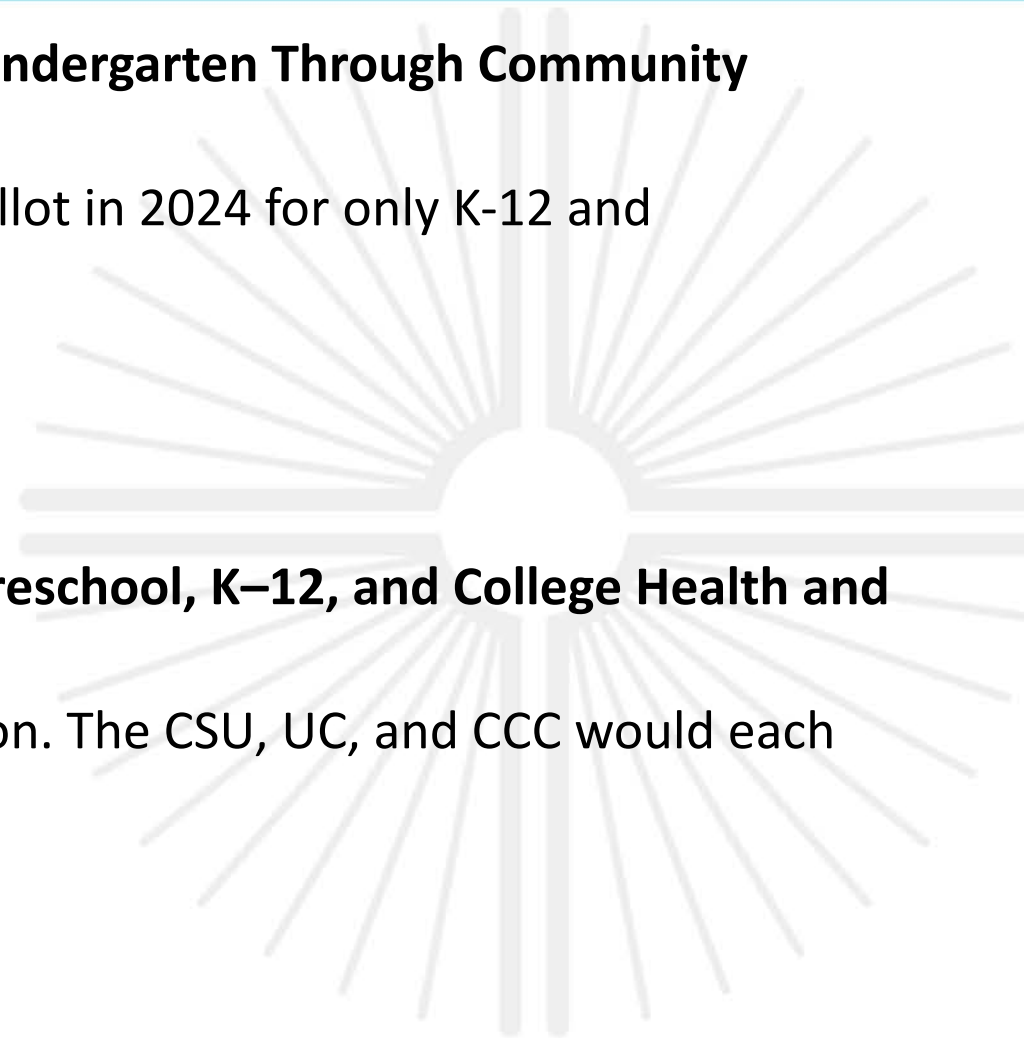
**Location:** Senate Governance and Finance Committee

## **SB 28 (Glazer) Education finance: school facilities: Public Preschool, K–12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2024.**

Would place on the March 2024 ballot a bond of \$15.5 Billion. The CSU, UC, and CCC would each receive \$2 billion.

**Position:** **WATCH**

**Location:** Assembly Higher Education Committee



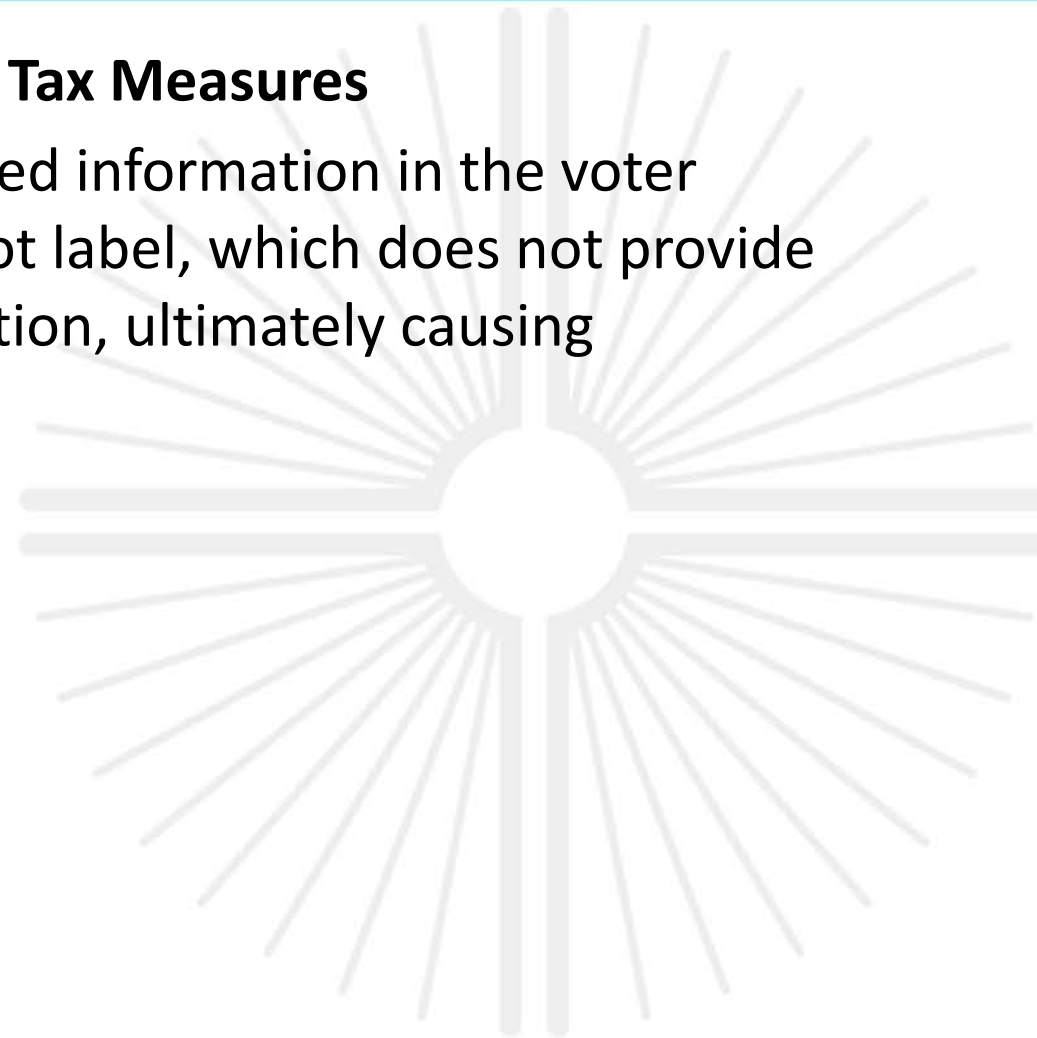
# Legislation: Facilities

## **SB 532 (Wiener) Enhanced Transparency for Local Tax Measures**

Would enable local jurisdictions to provide enhanced information in the voter information guide rather than on the 75-word ballot label, which does not provide enough space for appropriate context and explanation, ultimately causing confusion among voters.

**Position:** **SUPPORT**

**Location:** Assembly Rules awaiting referral



# Legislation: Student Services

## **AB 252 (Holden) Student Athlete Protection Act**

Would create a regulatory agency empowered to investigate and manage California collegiate athletic practices related to student academic, mental, and physical health. Additionally, it mandates the creation of a degree completion fund for student-athletes that obtain an athletic scholarship.

**Position: OPPOSE**

**Location:** Senate Education Committee



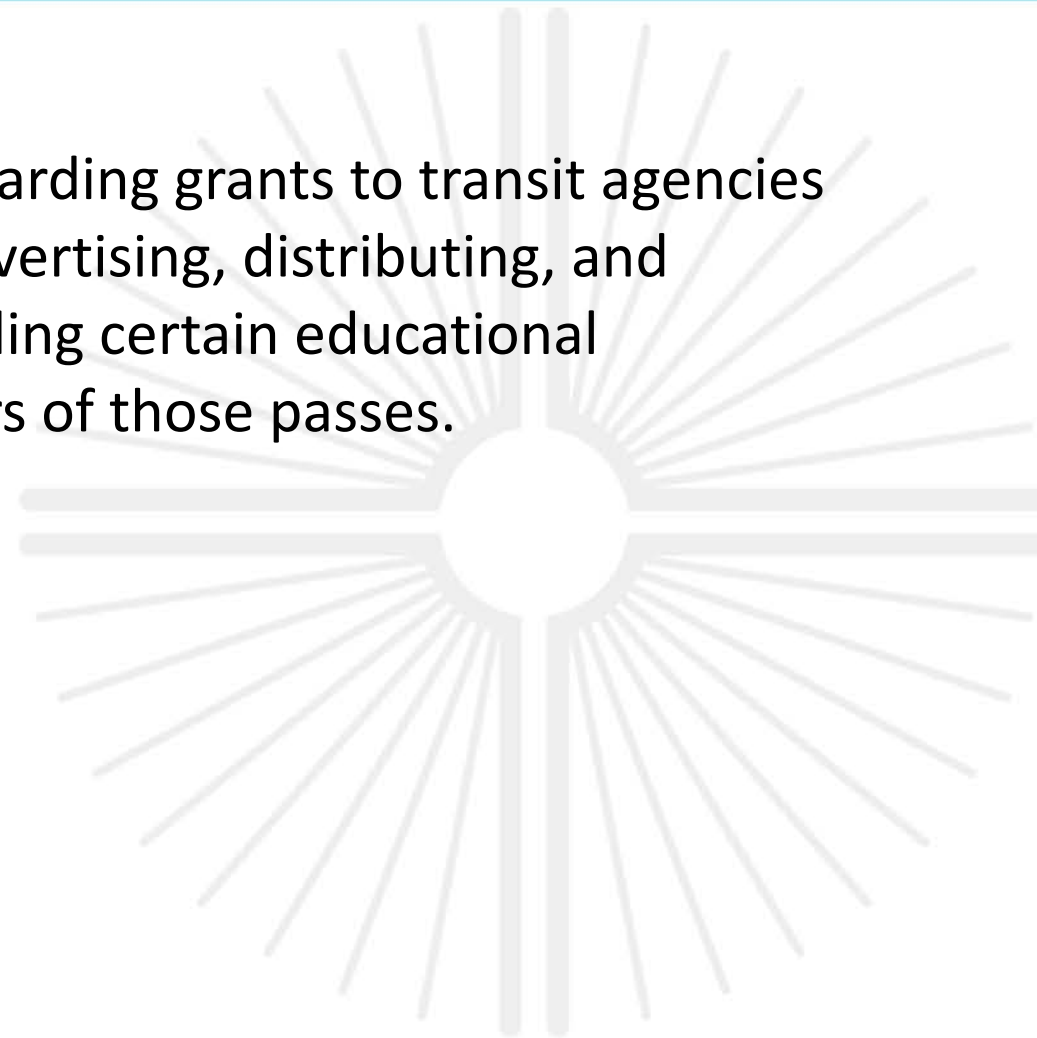
# Legislation: Basic Needs

## **AB 610 (Holden) Transit Passes**

Would create a free student transit program by awarding grants to transit agencies for the costs of creating, designing, developing, advertising, distributing, and implementing free transit passes to persons attending certain educational institutions, providing free transit service to holders of those passes.

**Position:** **SUPPORT**

**Location:** Senate Transportation Committee



# Legislation: Governance

## **AB 1248 (Bryan) Local Government: Independent Redistricting Commissions**

Would require all local governments, including community colleges that serve a population of 500,000 or more to create independent redistricting commissions modeled after the current commission for the state. Schools and community colleges. Similar legislation regarding counties with a population of 400,000 or more was vetoed by Governor Newsom in 2019 due to cost concerns.

**Position: WATCH**

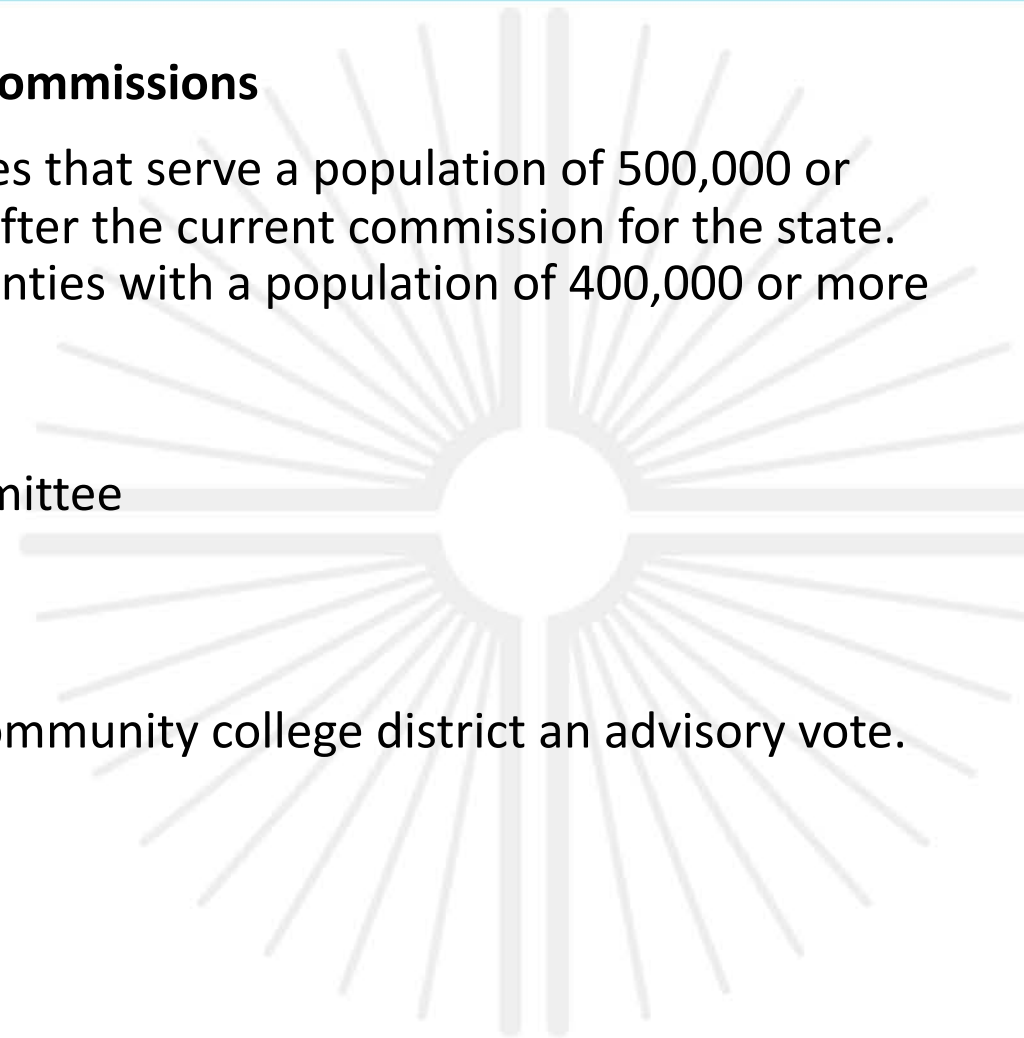
**Location:** Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee

## **AB 1541 (M. Fong) Student Voting Members**

Would give each student member of the Board of Trustees of a community college district an advisory vote.

**Position: SUPPORT**

**Location:** Senate Appropriations Committee





Questions?





Thank you!



# Upcoming Events

Visit [ccleague.org/events](https://ccleague.org/events) for details

- CEO Leadership Academy- Jul 21- 23, 2023
  - Sacramento
  - Registration deadline July 7
- Student Trustee Workshop- August 4- 6, 2023
  - Riverside
  - Registration deadline July 21
- Annual Convention- November 16- 18, 2023
  - Indian Wells
  - Registration deadline November 3



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11 a.m. — 12 p.m.

- Tuesday, July 18
- Tuesday, August 15
- Tuesday, September 19
- Tuesday, October 17

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