



League Legislative Update (Information/Action)

Legislative Context:

The first year of the 2019-20 Legislative Session concluded on September 13th. Hundreds of bills were sent to the Governor's Desk for consideration by the signing deadline. On Sunday, October 13, 2019, Governor Gavin Newsom officially wrapped up the 2019 legislative year by taking final actions on the remaining bills sent to him by the Legislature. Governor Newsom acted on more than 1,000 bills in 2019, signing 870 and vetoing 172, or just over 16% of those that made it to his desk. In 2019, nearly 300 bills were signed which make changes to California's Education Code.

A few measures that stalled this year may return in 2020, including a proposal the League with the help of over 40 colleges opposed, which allow homeless community college students to sleep in campus parking lots (AB 302 [Berman, D]). Other Two-Year bills the League will be watching for including a proposal to require community colleges to make progress to meet the Faculty Obligation Number and perhaps revise the 50% law (SB 777 [Rubio, D]), and proposals we support which would increase the amount and access to financial aid for community college students (SB 291 [Leyva, D]) and AB 1314 [Medina, D]).

For a full list of bills tracked by the League this session, please visit our website at: <https://www.ccleague.org/advocacy/bill-tracking>.

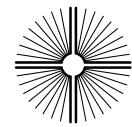
AB 2 (Santiago D) Community colleges: California College Promise.
Status: Signed by Governor. **Position:** Support

This bill authorizes a community college to waive fees for full-time first-time students in their second academic year, creating two total years of free tuition for first-time full-time students. As a condition of utilizing Promise funds, a community college must meet all Promise program requirements, including outreach to high schools, maximizing need-based financial aid, participating in the federal loan program, complying with AB 705, and participating in the Guided Pathways program.

AB 30 (Holden D) Community colleges: College and Career Access Pathways partnerships.
Status: Signed by Governor **Position:** SPONSOR/Support

AB 30 (Holden) Expands and Protects Dual Enrollment. Specifically, the bill: 1) Prevents College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP) partnerships across California from expiring at the end of 2021 and ensures dual enrollment opportunities remain available to students who may not already be college bound or who are underrepresented in higher education; 2) Streamlines the process for developing CCAP agreements between K-12 and community college districts; 3) Adds continuation high schools to the definition of students that can benefit from dual enrollment programs; 4) Allows units completed as part of a CCAP dual enrollment program to count towards determining registration priority at a community college; 5) Allows high school students to complete one application for the duration of their attendance at a community college as a dual enrollment student and simplifies the student application; 6) Prohibits assessing any fees to high school students in CCAP courses, including students in adult continuation high schools.

AB 48 (O'Donnell D) Education finance: school facilities: Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020.
Status: Signed by Governor. **Position:** Support



Authorizes a \$15 billion general obligation bond to go on the March 2020 primary ballot to fund construction and modernization of K-16 facilities. If authorized by the voters, the bond would provide the following resources to each system:

- K-12 – \$9 Billion
- CCC – \$2 Billion
- CSU – \$2 Billion
- UC – \$2 Billion

[AB 130 \(Low D\)](#) Postsecondary education: Higher Education Performance, Accountability, and Coordination Commission.

Status: Vetoed by Governor

Position: Watch

This bill would have created the Office of Higher Education Performance and Accountability that would have been established to coordinate the state's systems of higher education. It would have been led by a 5-member commission appointed by the Governor and state legislature. Employees of postsecondary institutions would be excluded from serving on the commission. A 13-member advisory body would have been created with segmental, faculty, and student representation.

It would have been charged with overseeing higher education institutions, setting state goals, and long-term planning of state higher education policy. It would have been empowered to review and make recommendations to the Governor and State Legislature on the following:

- State goals and priorities for higher education.
- Need of and locations for new campuses of public higher education colleges.
- Proposals by public segments for new programs or priorities of those segments.
- Degree of coordination between those segments.

[AB 211 \(Calderon D\)](#) Personal income taxes: deduction: California qualified tuition program.

Status: Vetoed by Governor

Position: Watch

This bill, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, and before January 1, 2025, would allow under that law a deduction against gross income in the amount equal to the monetary contribution made by a qualified taxpayer to the California qualified tuition program established pursuant to the Golden State Scholarshare Trust Act not to exceed either \$5,000 or \$10,000, as provided.

[AB 239 \(Salas D\)](#) Community colleges: registered nursing programs.

Status: Signed by Governor

Position: Support

Existing law authorizes a community college registered nursing program to use any diagnostic assessment tool that is commonly used in registered nursing programs and approved by the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges until January 1, 2020. This bill extends the operation of these provisions by five years, until January 1, 2025.

[AB 263 \(Burke D\)](#) Taxation: tax expenditures: information.

Status: Signed by Governor

Position: Watch

Current requires any bill, introduced on or after January 1, 2015, that would authorize a personal income or corporation tax credit to contain, among other provisions, specified goals, purposes, and objectives that the tax credit will achieve and detailed performance indicators, including data collection requirements, to measure whether the tax credit is meeting those goals, purposes, and objectives and provides that taxpayer information collected pursuant to these new requirements is subject to the limitation on the collection and use of that information. This bill would extend the information requirement described above to any bill, introduced on or after January 1, 2020, that would authorize a personal income or corporation tax expenditure, as defined.

[AB 381 \(Chapter 87/2019\)](#) Postsecondary Education: Sexual Assault and Sexual Violence Prevention Training: Intimate Partner and Dating Violence.



Status: Signed by Governor

Position: Watch

This bill requires outreach programming, which is part of every incoming postsecondary education institution student's orientation, to include informing students about specific topics relating to intimate partner and dating violence.

[AB 356 \(Santiago D\)](#) Los Angeles Community College District: best value procurement: pilot program.

Status: Signed by Governor

Position: Support

Establishes a pilot program to authorize the Los Angeles Community College District to use before December 31, 2024, a best value procurement method for bid evaluation and selection for public projects that exceed \$1,000,000.

[AB 463 \(Cervantes D\)](#) Community colleges: faculty members: loan forgiveness.

Status: Signed by Governor

Position: Support

Requires the Chancellor's Office to develop and provide to community college districts specified materials designed to increase awareness of the federal Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program among community college faculty members. Additionally, the bill now requires a community college district to annually provide a faculty member who is enrolled in the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program with notice of renewal and a copy of the employment certification form required to be completed for purposes of the program, with the employer portion of the form already completed.

[AB 500 \(Gonzalez D\)](#) School and community college employees: paid maternity leave.

Status: Vetoed by Governor

Position: Watch

Would require schools and community college districts to provide at least 6 weeks of a leave of absence with full pay for a certificated employee, or an academic employee, of the district or charter school who is required to be absent from duty because of pregnancy from those conditions.

[AB 540 \(Limón D\)](#) Postsecondary education: student financial aid: California Dreamer Service Incentive Grant Program.

Status: Signed by Governor

Position: Support

Establishes a program similar to work-study for AB 540 students who receive a Cal Grant B Access Award. It would provide 2,500 grants of up to \$3,000 a year for students who volunteer or provide community service for non-profit programs. Currently, these students are ineligible for federally funded financial aid like work-study, so the goal of this program will be to provide additional financial aid to low-income AB 540 students while at the same providing them important job skills.

[AB 595 \(Medina D\)](#) Community colleges: apprenticeship programs.

Status: Signed by Governor

Position: Watch

Authorizes a student enrolled in a community college class or classes pursuant to an apprenticeship training program or an internship training program, as defined, who does not have a social security number to use an individual tax identification number for purposes of any background check required by the class or program.

[AB 612 \(Weber D\)](#) Cal Fresh: Restaurant Meals Program.

Status: Signed by Governor

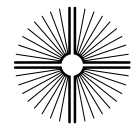
Position: SPONSOR

Would create a statewide MOU between the Chancellor's Office and Department of Social Services to streamline the process for a college to accept Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) cards on campus.

[AB 624 \(Gabriel D\)](#) Pupil and student health: identification cards: sexual assault hotline and reproductive health care telephone numbers.

Status: Vetoed by Governor

Position: Watch



Would, commencing July 1, 2020, would require public schools, including charter schools, and public and nonsectarian private postsecondary educational institutions, if they issue pupil or student identification cards, to have printed on either side of those identification cards the telephone numbers for the National Sexual Assault Hotline, the National Domestic Violence Hotline, and a sexual or reproductive health hotline.

[AB 695 \(Medina D\)](#) Community college facilities: design-build contracts.

Status: Signed by Governor

Position: Support

Extends the authorization for community college districts to enter into design-build contracts to January 1, 2025.

[AB 706 \(Chapter 100/2019\)](#) Community Colleges: Academic Employees.

Status: Signed by Governor

Position: Watch

This bill removes circumstances for which an academic employee of a community college district (CCD) of at least one school year is entitled to transfer accrued leave to another district.

[AB 806 \(Bloom D\)](#) Postsecondary education: homeless and former homeless youth.

Status: Signed by Governor

Position: Support

Currently, homeless students receive priority enrollment, which will sunset in 2020. This bill repeals the sunset provisions and makes priority enrollment for homeless students permanent.

[AB 809 \(Santiago D\)](#) Public postsecondary education: child development programs: priority enrollment: Title IX protection: pregnancy and parental status.

Status: Signed by Governor

Position: Watch

Requires public postsecondary institutions to post on each institution's internet website, and to provide to an expectant parent through on-campus health clinics, notification of protections under Title IX for pregnant students and parenting students.

[AB 829 \(Bloom D\)](#) California State University: Doctor of Occupational Therapy Program.

Status: Signed by Governor

Position: Watch

Authorizes the California State University to establish Occupational Therapy Doctorate degree programs to focus on preparing occupational therapists to provide health care services.

[AB 943 \(Chiu D\)](#) Community colleges: Student Equity and Achievement Program funds.

Status: Signed by Governor

Position: Watch

Authorizes the use of funding for student equity plans for the provision of emergency student financial assistance to eligible students to overcome unforeseen financial challenges that would directly impact a student's ability to persist in the student's course of study.

[AB 1000 \(Cervantes D\)](#) Student safety.

Status: Signed by Governor

Position:

Watch

Requires the governing boards of each public postsecondary institution to annually review their written procedure or protocols relating to sexual assault, and to update them as necessary in collaboration with sexual assault counselors and student, faculty, and staff representatives.

[AB 1051 \(Smith D\)](#) Community colleges: temporary faculty members: clinical nursing faculty.

Status: Signed by Governor

Position: Watch



Provisions permitting a temporary nursing faculty member to serve full time sunseted in 2015. This legislation removes that sunset and thus make them permanent.

[AB 1090 \(Medina D\)](#) Public postsecondary education: waiver of mandatory campus-based fees.

Status: Signed by Governor **Position:** Watch

This bill waives any mandatory campus-based fees for spouses and survivors of law enforcement personnel or firefighters who died in the line of duty.

[AB 1150 \(Gloria D\)](#) Community college districts: governing board elections: San Diego Community College District: Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District.

Status: Signed by Governor **Position:** Watch

Would require a candidate for election as a member of the governing board of each of these districts to comply with the procedural and substantive requirements for filing nomination papers that apply in municipal elections, as specified, and would prohibit a candidate from filing nomination papers for more than one governing board position for the same governing board in the same election.

[AB 1278 \(Gabriel D\)](#) Public postsecondary educational institutions: public services and programs: internet website notification.

Status: Signed by Governor **Position:** Watch

Requires each campus of the CSU and the CCC, and requests each campus of the UC, to include on the internet website-based student account associated with a student's attendance at the institution, notice of the following public services and programs:

- a) The Cal Fresh program.
- b) Resources, as determined by the institution to be most appropriate, for county or local housing services, which may also include, if determined to be appropriate for the geographic area where the institution is located, resources for legal assistance relating to housing.
- c) Resources, as determined by the institution to be most appropriate, for county or local mental health services.

[AB 1308 \(Cunningham R\)](#) Students in hotel management or culinary arts programs: tastings.

Status: Signed by Governor **Position:** Watch

Permits a qualified student to taste an alcoholic beverage and exempts the student and the qualified academic institution in which the student is enrolled from criminal prosecution if the qualified academic institution has established an associate degree or bachelor's degree program in hotel management or culinary arts, as provided

[AB 1313 \(Rivas, Luz D\)](#) Higher education: prohibited debt collection practices.

Status: Signed by Governor **Position:** Watch

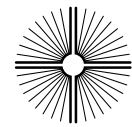
This bill would remove the ability of colleges to withhold transcripts or remove registration priorities for students or former students who are in default on their student loans.

[AB 1340 \(Chiu D\)](#) Private postsecondary education: California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009: labor market outcome data reporting.

Status: Signed by Governor **Position:** Watch

Requires institutions regulated by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE or Bureau) to report identifying, program enrollment, and loan debt information to BPPE. This bill authorizes BPPE to match student information with wage data provided by the Employment Development Department (EDD). This bill requires BPPE to make information available on its Web site when the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) certifies that an updated information technology system is capable of processing data.

[AB 1344 \(Bauer-Kahan D\)](#) Private postsecondary education: California Private Postsecondary Act of 2009.



Status: Signed Governor

Position: Watch

Replaces current requirements, as of July 1, 2022, for the information out-of-state institutions are required to provide the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE) if they enroll California students in online programs, with the same and expanded information requirements, specifically adding adverse actions to the list of information that has to be provided. This bill also authorizes the BPPE to place these out-of-state private postsecondary institutions on a probationary status and revoke authorization to enroll California students.

[AB 1346 \(Medina D\)](#) Postsecondary education: California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009: Student Tuition Recovery Fund.

Status: Signed by Governor

Position: Watch

Expands the definition of economic loss, as it pertains to the Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF), to include all amounts paid by a student to the institution, any amounts paid in connection with attending the institution and all principal, interest and charges of any kind for any loan incurred by the student to pay these amounts. It also expands eligibility to certain students enrolled at Corinthian Colleges Inc. (CCI).

[AB 1504 \(Medina D\)](#) Community colleges: student representation fee: statewide community college student organization: goals.

Status: Signed by Governor

Position: Watch

Requires a California Community College (CCC) campus to collect at the time of registration a student representation fee (SRF) of \$2 per semester or per quarter, if the CCC has a student body association (SBA). It requires \$1 of the fee be used to establish and support the operation of the Student Senate for California Community Colleges (SSCCC), a statewide community college student organization. Students can opt out of paying the fee.

[AB 1518 \(Chu D\)](#) Student athletes: contracts.

Status: Signed by Governor

Position: Watch

Authorizes a student athlete to enter into a contract with an athlete agent without losing their status as a student-athlete, if the contract complies with the policy of the student-athlete's educational institution and the bylaws of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

[AB 1573 \(Holden D\)](#) Collegiate athletes: Student-Athlete Bill of Rights.

Status: Signed by Governor

Position: Watch

This bill adds three provisions of law designed to support and protect the rights of student-athletes at institutions of higher learning. Specifically, the bill:

- 1) Authorizes schools to establish degree completion funds.
- 2) Directs schools to develop, post, and disseminate specified information regarding existing student-athlete rights.
- 3) Prohibits schools from retaliating against student-athletes who report violations of student-athletes' rights.

[AB 1645 \(Chapter 788/2019\)](#) Student Support Services: Dreamer Resource Liaisons.

Status: Signed by Governor

Position: Watch

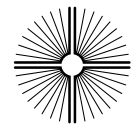
This bill requires the California Community Colleges and the California State University, and requests the University of California, to designate a Dreamer Resource Liaison who is knowledgeable in financial aid and other support services to assist students who qualify for the exemption from paying nonresident tuition established by AB 540 (Firebaugh, Chapter 814/2001).

[AB 1727 \(Weber D\)](#) Community colleges: career development and college preparation courses.

Status: Vetoed by Governor

Position: Support

Would require the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges to adopt regulations, no later than April 15, 2020, requiring the accounting, for purposes of state funding of community colleges, of students enrolled



in certain noncredit/CDCP courses to be conducted by positive attendance count or on a census date basis.

[AB 1774 \(Bonta D\)](#) Student financial aid: Student Aid Commission: extension of application deadlines.
Status: Signed by Governor **Position:** Watch

Authorizes the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) to postpone an application deadline for up to 30 calendar days for any financial aid program CSAC administers for regions that have experienced natural disasters, states of emergency, or labor actions.

[ACR 14 \(Limón D\)](#) Dual Enrollment Week.
Status: Signed by Governor **Position:** Sponsor

This measure recognizes the week of March 17, 2019, to March 23, 2019, as Dual Enrollment Week in California and would encourage colleges and universities to visit high schools and take action to help pupils register in dual enrollment courses.

[ACR 31 \(Limón D\)](#) California Community College Month.
Status: Signed by Governor **Position:** Sponsor

This recognizes April 2019 as California Community College Month.

[AJR 2 \(Voepel R\)](#) The federal Pell Grant Program awards.
Status: Signed by Governor **Position:** Watch

Requests Congress and the President of the United States to immediately take action to increase the maximum annual amount of the federal Pell Grant Program award from \$6,095 to at least \$7,500 to further help low-income college students alleviate the burden of postsecondary education debt.

[SB 150 \(Beall D\)](#) Student financial aid: Chafee grant awards.
Status: Signed by Governor **Position:** Watch

Relaxes the eligibility requirements and appellate process for recipients of the Chafee Educational and Training Vouchers (Chafee) award, which provides financial aid to current and former foster youth who are enrolled in qualifying institutions of higher education.

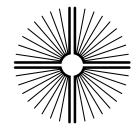
[SB 173 \(Dodd D\)](#) Cal Fresh: postsecondary student eligibility: work-study.
Status: Signed by Governor **Position:** Support

This bill requires the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to create a standardized form to be used by community colleges and universities to verify the work-study eligibility of students who are approved and anticipate participating in state or federal work-study, for the purpose of determining eligibility for Cal Fresh benefits.

[SB 206 \(Skinner D\)](#) Collegiate athletics: student athlete compensation and representation.
Status: Signed by Governor **Position:** Watch

Prohibits a California public postsecondary educational institution, athletic association, conference, or other group or organization with authority over intercollegiate athletics from preventing a student participating in intercollegiate athletics from earning compensation as a result of the use of the student's name, image, or likeness. The provisions of the bill will not become operative until 2023 and now exempts community colleges. Instead, it requires the Chancellor's Office to convene a workgroup to study the issue potentially recommend changes to the state legislature or the California Community College Athletic Association.

[SB 296 \(Allen D\)](#) Student financial aid: immigrants seeking asylum.
Status: Vetoed by Governor **Position:** Watch



Current law requires that, in order to be eligible to receive a Cal Grant Program award, a student either be a citizen of the United States or an eligible noncitizen, as defined. This bill would also provide eligibility to a noncitizen who has filed a designated application for asylum and has a valid employment authorization document and social security number.

SB 354 (Durazo D) California DREAM Loan Program: graduate degree programs.

Status: Signed by Governor

Position: Watch

Expands eligibility for the California DREAM loan program at the California State University (CSU) and University of California (UC) to students who are enrolled in programs leading to a professional or graduate degree.

SB 390 (Umberg D) School safety: school security officers and security guards.

Status: Signed by Governor

Position: Watch

Requires all security guards working on school and community college district campuses to complete the latest training developed by the Department of Consumer Affairs and specifies that local educational agencies must provide the training to all security guards during their regular work hours. Assembly Amendments specify that this bill's provisions pertain t

SB 484 (Portantino D) Public postsecondary education: community college transfer students.

Status: Vetoed by Governor

Position: Watch

Would require the governing board of each community college district to direct the appropriate officials at their respective campuses to

- (1) identify those students who have completed an associate degree for transfer
- (2) notify those students of their completion of the degree requirements
- (3) automatically award those students the degree
- (4) add those students to an identification system at the end of each academic year that the Office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges shall maintain and that can be accessed electronically by the California State University and the University of California.

SB 554 (Roth D) Public schools: adult school students: Advanced Scholastic and Vocational Training Program.

Status: Signed by Governor

Position: Support

Authorizes the governing board of a school district overseeing an adult education program or the governing board of a community college district overseeing a noncredit program to admit a pupil pursuing a high school diploma or the equivalent as a special-admit part-time or full-time dual enrollment student.

SB 575 (Bradford D) Cal Grants: student eligibility.

Status: Vetoed by Governor

Position: Support

This bill would permit students who are currently incarcerated to be eligible for both the Cal Grant Entitlement and Competitive Awards.

SB 586 (Roth D) College and Career Access Pathways partnerships.

Status: Signed by Governor

Position: Watch

Requires the governing board of a school and community college district, as part of a career technical education College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP) partnership, to consult with the appropriate local workforce development board to determine the extent to which the pathway is aligned with regional and statewide employment needs.