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Accountability and Assessments

AB 798 (Bonilla)
Title: Postsecondary Education: Course Materials
Status: Assembly Desk
Position:

Summary:

As introduced, this bill would require higher education institutions to support the development, use, accessibility, and ongoing maintenance of course materials, including open textbooks and other open educational resources. The bill would also require the segments to submit an annual report beginning on July 31, 2017, on the implementation, progress, and administration of those efforts at their respective institutions.

AB 801 (Bloom)
Title: Postsecondary Education: Success for Homeless Youth in Higher Education Act
Status: Assembly Desk
Position:

Summary:

As introduced, this bill would enact the Success for Homeless Youth in Higher Education Act. The bill would extend the priority enrollment requirements for foster youth to homeless or former homeless youth.

Affordability

AB 42 (Kim)
Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Funding and Mandatory Fees
Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee
Position:

Summary:

As introduced, this bill, from the 2015-16 fiscal year to the 2018-19 fiscal year, would prohibit an increase to the mandatory systemwide fees charged to students of the California Community Colleges from increasing beyond the current fee level.

The bill would impose similar prohibition against fee or tuition increases at the California State University and University of California systems. The bill would also prohibit "student success fees," defined as "a type of campus-based mandatory fee that must be paid by a student to enroll or attend."

AB 1016 (Santiago)
Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act
Status: Assembly Desk
Position:

Summary:

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As introduced, this bill would authorize the identification of the alleged assailant, even if the victim does not consent to being identified, if the higher education institution determines that the alleged assailant represents a serious and ongoing threat to the safety of persons or the institution and the immediate assistance of police is necessary to contact or detain the assailant.

AB 767 (Santiago)
Title: Community Colleges: Emergency Preparedness Standards
Status: Assembly Desk
Position:

Summary:

As introduced, this bill would require the Chancellor to update systemwide emergency preparedness standards by January 1, 2017, and every five years thereafter, and consider including an active shooter response plan.

AB 913 (Santiago)
Title: Student Safety
Status: Assembly Desk
Position:

Summary:

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AB 968 (Williams)
Title: Postsecondary Education: Transcripts
Status: Assembly Desk
Position:

Summary:

As introduced, this bill would require the governing board of each community college district to indicate on a student's transcript when the student is ineligible to reenroll due to suspension or expulsion for the period of time the student is ineligible to reenroll. The bill states that this disclosure "ensures the integrity and transparency of student transcripts and the safety and security of California campuses."

AB 969 (Williams)
Title: Community College Districts: Removal, Suspension, or Expulsion
Status: Assembly Desk
Position:

Summary:

As introduced, this bill would clarify existing statute to allow California Community Colleges to suspend or expel a student for conduct that threatened the safety of students and/or the public that occur off campus. Additionally, the bill would require a hearing before the governing board to determine whether to enroll the student if they were dismissed previously from an institution for sexual assaults.

SB 186 (Jackson)
Title: Community College Districts: Removal, Suspension, or Expulsion
Status: Senate Education Committee
Position:

Summary:

Current law prohibits a community college district from disciplining a student for an incident that is not related to the college.

Senate Bill (SB) 186 authorizes a community college district to remove, suspend, or expel a student for conduct occurring off of the college property. SB 186 requires the district governing board to consider factors including the severity of the crime and the likelihood of the crime occurring again.

SB 242 (Monning)
Title: School Security: Surplus Military Equipment
Status: Senate Education Committee
Position:

Summary:

Career-Technical Education

AB 520 (Levine)
Title: Apprenticeship
Status: Assembly Desk
Position:

Summary:

Existing law requires the Division of Apprenticeship Standards and the California Apprenticeship Council to report annually on the activities of the Division and the Council.

As introduced, this bill would require the report to include additional information on apprenticeship programs, including an analysis of any apprenticeship standards or regulations that were proposed or adopted in the previous year.

SB 66 (Leyva)
Title: Career Technical Education Pathways Program
Status: Senate Education Committee
Position:

Summary:

Existing law, until June 30, 2015, establishes the Career Technical Education Pathways Program, which requires the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges and the Superintendent of Public Instruction to assist economic and workforce regional development centers and consortia, community colleges, middle schools, high schools, and regional occupational centers and programs to improve linkages and career technical education pathways between high schools and community colleges.

As introduced, this bill would extend the operation of the program until July 1, 2018, and would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Employees

AB 626 (Low)
Title: Community Colleges: Employees
Status: Assembly Desk
Position:

Summary:

As introduced, this bill makes nonsubstantive changes to codes affecting community colleges.

SSC Comment:

This bill is sponsored by FACCC, which describes the future intent of the bill to "to increase the full- to part-time faculty ratio, provide additional support for part-time faculty, and introduce full- to part-time faculty standards in noncredit education."

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AB 676 (Calderon)

Employees—Benefits

AB 304 (Gonzalez)

The bill would allow members and specified retired members who have performed those activities to irrevocably elect to have that service subject to coverage under a different public retirement system and excluded from coverage by the Defined Benefit Program.

The bill would make various changes to the definitions of creditable service and deem that all activities performed in a position shall be considered "creditable service" if the employer requires creditable service activities to be performed in that position for more than 50% of the time.

SSC Comment:

This is CalSTRS's sponsored bill to grandfather in those members whose eligibility in the system has come into question.

SB 185 (De León)
Title: Public Retirement Systems: Public Divestiture of Thermal Coal Companies Act
Status: Senate Public Employment and Retirement Committee
Position:

Summary:

As introduced, this bill requires CalPERS and CalSTRS to divest "their holding of thermal coal power" as part of the Senate President pro Tempore Kevin de León's legislative agenda towards greener energy. Senate Bill 185 calls for the divestment at the "earliest feasible date" and requires a progress report by January 1, 2017.

SB 216 (Pan)
Title: The Public Employees' Retirement System
Status: Senate Public Employment and Retirement Committee
Position:

Summary:

As introduced, this bill would make changes to the investment and reporting requirements for CalPERS, including repealing the provision that directs CalPERS to invest not less than 204 n973.1(es)-8(s)kq(di)-9

SJR 1 (Beall)
Amended: 1/12/2015
Title: Social Security: Retirement Benefits: Public Employees
Status: Senate Public Employment and Retirement Committee
Position: Support

Summary:

As introduced, this measure would request the President and the Congress of the United States to pass legislation repealing the "Government Pension Offset" and the "Windfall Elimination Provisions" from the Social Security Act. These provisions reduce the Social Security benefits payable to persons who are entitled to benefits under other retirement systems such as CalPERS and CalSTRS.

Employees—Labor Relations

AB 874 (Rendon)
Title: Collective Bargaining
Status: Assembly Desk
Position:

Summary:

As introduced, this bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation relating to collective bargaining.

SSC Comment:

Assembly Member Anthony Rendon (D-Lakewood) successfully stewarded Assembly Bill (AB) 1550 to the Governor's desk last year. While vetoed by the Governor, AB 1550 would have significantly tipped the balance of collective bargaining away from employers.

Facilities

AB 148 (Holden)
Title: School Facilities: General Obligation Bond Measure
Status: Assembly Desk
Position:

Summary:

As introduced, this bill states the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to submit a general obligation bond measure to the voters during the 2016 calendar year to fund the modernization and construction of school facilities.

SB 114 (Liu)
Title: Education Facilities: Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016
Status: Senate Education Committee
Position: Support

Summary:

As introduced, this bill would enact the Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016 to authorize an unspecified amount of state general obligation bonds for local educational agencies, 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. The proposed bond act would become operative only if approved by the voters at the November 8, 2016, statewide general election. The bill also would make several revisions to existing provisions of the Education Code governing K-12 school facilities and eligibility for state school bond funds.

Governance

AB 653 (Levine)
Title: Postsecondary Education: Intersegmental Coordination in Governance
Status: Assembly Desk
Position:

Summary:

As introduced, this bill would add a provision to the Donahoe Higher Education Act requiring the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges and the Chancellor of the California State University,

AB 482 (Harper)
Title: Concurrent Enrollment in Secondary School and Community College
Status: Assembly Desk
Position:

Summary:

As introduced, this bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation regarding concurrent enrollment in secondary school and community college for pupils pursuing studies related to computer science.

AB 770 (Irwin)
Title:

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AB 393 (Hernández, Roger)
Title: Veteran Resource Centers Grant Program
Status: Assembly Desk
Position:

Summary:

As introduced, this bill would establish the Veteran Resource Centers Grant Program, which would authorize a community college district that has or intends to establish veteran resource centers to apply to the Chancellor for a grant for purposes of providing resources to veterans and active duty members of the Armed Forces of the United States enrolled at those campuses.

AB 421 (Calderon)
Title: Community Colleges: Veterans Counselor
Status: Assembly Desk
Position:

Summary:

As introduced, this bill would require a community college district to provide a veterans counselor in each college. The bill would also require the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges to adopt regulations to establish and maintain minimum qualifications for veterans counselors.

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