

Mertz, Laila

subject: Adrian, Lori
RE: End-Of-Session Summary

From: Lizette Navarette <lizette@ccleague.org>
Date: October 3, 2016 at 11:09:49 AM PDT
To: <ladrian@coastline.edu>
Subject: End-Of-Session Summary
Reply-To: Lizette Navarette <lizette@ccleague.org>



2015-16 Legislative Session • Year 2 • Chaptered Bills Summary

Session by the Number

In the second year of the 2015-16 session, members of the Legislature considered 3,847 bills. Approximately 41% of those bills were held in either house and 1,320 were sent to the Governor for consideration. Governor Brown vetoed 9% of bills that reached his desk.

As important, community colleges represented by the League submit over 250 letters to the Legislature highlighting benefits and impacts of bills. Thank you for your advocacy!

Policy Themes In 2016

- Social Supports for Students
- Campus Safety
- Financial Aid/Promise Programs
- Collective Bargaining

Concerning Trends To Monitor:

- Student Financial Aid Inequity
- Proposition 98 and SSSP Encroachment

Summary of Signed Bills

This report provides a summary of all bills that were signed by Governor Brown and have been chaptered into law. A total of 26 bills tracked by the League were signed. Below are summaries of key bills.

Pathways & Partnerships

AB 1741 (Rodriguez)**California College Promise Grant Program**

Summary: This statute creates a competitive grant-based program to fund campus partnerships similar to the *Long Beach Promise*. Total fund amount: \$15 million.

Dual Enrollment**AB 526 (Holden)****Attendance at Community Colleges**

Summary: Eliminates the 5% cap on summer school enrollment in dual or concurrent enrollment programs. *Effective immediately*.

AB 2364 (Holden)**Exemptions from nonresident tuition**

Summary: Reduces policy barriers that prevent AB 540 students from accessing dual enrollment programs. Provides apportionment to colleges.

Collective Bargaining**AB 1690/SB 1379 (Medina/Mendoza)****Community colleges: part-time, temporary employees**

Summary: Combined, both bills will:

- States the intent of the legislature that all districts should implement some type of policy regarding re-employment rights.
- Mandate that districts negotiate in good faith on whether or not part-time faculty members should have re-employment rights.
- Tie this process to receiving Student Success and Support Services (SSSP) funds.

Campus Safety**AB 2654 (Bonilla)****Equity in Higher Education Act (Sexual Harassment Policies).**

Summary: Requires a community college district to post its policy on sexual harassment on its website. It requires the policy to include specific rules and procedures for pursuing available remedies and resources, both on and off campus.

Facilities**AB 2738 (Olsen)****Local School Bonds: Investment**

Summary: Prohibits the proceeds from the sale of bonds from being withdrawn by the school district or community college district for investment outside the county treasury. Requires any remaining balance or surplus in the building fund to be applied to debt service.

Financial Aid**SB 1359 (Block)****Public Postsecondary Education: Course Materials**

Summary: Will require each campus of the California Community Colleges to identify in each published schedule of classes whether a course uses free or low cost open educational resources (OER).

SB 1314 (Block)**Baccalaureate Degree Program.****Middle Class Scholarship Program: Community College**

Summary: Specifies that community college students participating in the baccalaureate degree programs who also satisfy the eligibility requirements for a Cal Grant award and Middle Class College Scholarship award shall receive an award.

Social/Student Support Services**AB 801 (Bloom)****Success for Homeless Youth in Higher Education Act.**

Summary: Establishes priority enrollment for homeless students and makes them eligible for a Board of Governors Fee Waiver. The bill establishes a liaison for homeless students who can be a current employee.

SB 906 (Beall) Public Postsecondary Education: Priority Enrollment.

Summary: Revises the definition of foster youth to mean a person in California whose dependency was established or continued by the court on or after the youth's 16th birthday and who is no older than 25 years of age at the commencement of the academic year. SB 906 extends priority enrollment indefinitely to students who are in EOPS programs and to disabled students.

AB 1747 (Weber) Food Assistance: Higher Education Students.

Summary: Requires a college that is located in a county that has a *Restaurant Meals Program* to apply to become an approved food vendor or to provide contracting food vendors with information about the program. The bill allows colleges to receive funds for CalFresh outreach. The bill also establishes the Public Higher Education Pantry Assistance Account but does not fund it.

AB 1995 (Williams) Homeless Students: Access to Shower Facilities

Summary: Will require a college to create a plan to open their shower facilities a minimum of two hours a day for five days a week to all enrolled students while giving colleges discretion regarding the following: 1) Student Safety, 2) Minimum Number of Units, and 3) Use by Athletics and PE Classes.

AB 2791 (Medina) Community Colleges: Disability Services Program.

Summary: Authorizes colleges to receive Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS) funds for a student that is enrolled in DSPS but not yet enrolled in a class. This will assist colleges in preparing accommodations for the student before they begin taking a class.

Download the one-pager [here](#) or visit the League's [Budget & Policy Center](#) for other legislative updates.

Best regards,

Lizette Navarette
Vice President, Strategy and Policy Development
Community College League of California
2017 O Street, Sacramento, CA 95811
lizette@ccleague.org
Office: 916.245.5040

Connecting Community Colleges for a Strong California
Community College League of California • 2017 O Street, Sacramento, CA 95811 • (916) 444-8641

