

Legislative Update:

The bills that you see are either sponsored or cosponsored by the SSCCC. Anytime you see bills on the legislative update, it is because it pertains to us as Community College students and these are also legislative priorities of the SSCCC that we keep an eye out for.

Sponsored:

AB 1543 (M. Fong): SRF (Student Representation Fee) Reform. SBAs are experiencing a decrease in SRF funding as students decide to opt out. When a student pays the SRF, those \$2 go into funding the SSCCC and their local SBA; when students opt out, the system will have them opt out completely and the SBA is affected by it as it does not receive any funding. The purpose of this bill is to allow students to still opt out, but if they only want to pay \$1, then that funding will go directly to the SBA. *(held in Appropriations committee as of 9/1/2023)*

AB 1541 (M. Fong): student trustee advisory vote. Starting Jan. 1st, the Student Trustee will have an advisory vote. An advisory vote takes place after discussion of an item, they'll ask the trustee how they would vote and then the others will vote accordingly. *(signed by the Governor).*

AB 1275 (Arambula): Brown Act reform. This bill exempts SBA from posting agendas at all teleconference locations, as long as there is one physical location with a quorum of members participating, and it's clearly identified on the agenda and open to the public. It's more a safety and security issue but it is on a two year cycle so in two years we will see what happens whether or not they want to implement this. *(referred to Sen. Governance and Finance; hearing canceled at author's request)*

Co-sponsored:

SB 467 (Portantino) - Community colleges: apprenticeship or internship training programs. Students who do not have an SSN face the barrier of not being able to apply for apprenticeship or internships. The purpose of this bill is to allow students with an ITIN number to use that in place of an SSN to apply for those programs. An ITIN, or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, is a tax processing number issued by the IRS. It's for people who are required to have a U.S. taxpayer identification number but are not eligible for a Social Security number. *(signed by the Governor)*

AB 789 (Berman) - Student financial aid: Cal Grants: satisfactory academic progress. This bill will enable students who struggle academically due to personal hardships to continue their education by removing barriers to maintaining financial aid and benefitting from institutional support. It will ensure that Cal Grant-eligible institutions do not impose satisfactory academic progress (SAP) policies that are more restrictive than what is required federally and provide students who do not meet SAP with more flexibility as they apply to regain access to financial aid. *(signed by the Governor)*

Bills to watch:

AB 1749 (McCarthy) - Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act: University of California. Students who complete an ADT would be guaranteed admission somewhere in both a CSU and UC as long as they meet the minimum requirements for both systems. Students would only be guaranteed a spot somewhere in the UC system and not to a specific campus. This is a bill that the SSSCC is keeping an eye on and because of the wording and amendments that were made, we believe it wasn't made in the best interest for CCC students. *(held in Sen. Appropriations on suspense file as of 9/1/23)*

AB 1291(McCarty)- University of California Associate Degree for Transfer Pilot Program. (opposed by the SSSCC) Existing law, the *Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act*, requires a student who earns an ADT to be deemed eligible for transfer into a CSU baccalaureate degree program if the student meets certain requirements. The bill also requires the CSU to guarantee admission with junior status to a community college student who meets those requirements, and provides that admission to the CSU under these provisions does not guarantee admission for specific majors or campuses.

This bill would create the University of California Associate Degree for Transfer Pilot Program. The bill would require UCLA to declare at least 8 majors by the 2026–27 academic year, and at least 12 majors by the 2028–29 academic year, as similar to the transfer model curricula from select community colleges chosen by UCLA and would require, by the 2028–29 academic year, the University of California to designate at least 5 campuses to declare at least 12 majors as similar to the transfer model curricula from select community colleges chosen by the applicable campus, except that the 12 major minimum would not apply to the UC Merced if designated. *(on the governor's desk/signed by the governor)*

AB 746 (Sanchez) - Learning-Aligned Employment Program. Existing law establishes the Learning-Aligned Employment Program under the administration of the Student Aid

Commission to provide University of California, California State University, and California Community College students meeting certain criteria with the opportunity to earn money to help their educational costs, while gaining educationally aligned, career-related experience.

Existing law authorizes research centers and institutions operated by public postsecondary educational institutions to employ participating students if the learning-aligned employment opportunities provide those students with direct opportunities to participate in the research.

This bill would delete the authorization for research centers and institutions, as described above, and instead would authorize public postsecondary educational institutions to employ participating students if their learning-aligned employment opportunities provide participating students with employment experience related to the student's major or provide opportunities for skill attainment necessary for employment within their areas of study after graduation.

(vetoed)

AB 689 Carrillo - Community Colleges: Enrollment and registration: Incumbent Healthcare workers. The bill mandates that community colleges with limited enrollment courses ensure that at least 15% of admitted students (minimum 3 students per cohort) are incumbent health care workers. It also requires community colleges with priority enrollment systems to give priority to incumbent health care workers. The SSCCC opposes this bill as it provides priority to one student population that can affect all of the other student populations. *(held in Sen. Appropriations on suspense file as of 9/1/23)*

AB 811 (Fong) - Seymour-Campbell Student Success Act of 2012: repeating credit courses. The SSCCC is keeping an eye for this one. This bill mandates that each district establish policies regarding the repetition of credit courses. The policies must include permission for students to repeat certain courses (ex. arts, humanities, kinesiology, foreign languages, and ESL) up to two times for enrichment or skill-building purposes, but only if they previously received a satisfactory grade. The bill requires the college to inform students if repeating these courses will affect their federal financial aid eligibility. *(passed Sen. Appropriations as amended as of 9/1/23)*