

Exhibit 18

Information/Action Item

Consideration of state and federal issues and legislation affecting Commission programs

This agenda item provides the Commission with information on legislative measures that have been introduced so far in the second half of the 2014-15 legislative session. Listed below are legislative measures that impact the California Student Aid Commission or its programs. The legislative deadline for the introduction of all measures to be considered during the second half of this session must be introduced by Friday, February 21, 2014. The entirety of higher education bills introduced by this date will not be available in print or online until the week of February 23rd. Commission staff recommends that the Commission consider taking legislative positions in early March. The Commission will be discussing and determining its policy priorities during the February meeting and can take positions on legislation following the determination of its policy priorities.

SB 174/798 - De León

Title: Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant Program

Summary: (Formerly **SB 284/285**) These bills have been reintroduced in January of 2014 as urgency bills requiring a 2/3rds vote in both houses. Governor Brown has indicated he will sign both bills. Beginning in 2015-16, adds a supplement to the Cal Grant B Access award amount from special funds. The bill sunsets after the 2017-18 award year or when moneys in the fund are depleted, whichever occurs later. This bill package passed out of the Senate unanimously and is being taken up in the Assembly.

Commission Position: Support

SB 845 - Correa

Title: Electronic Disbursements of Student Financial Aid (Debit Cards)

Location: Currently in Senate Education Committee

Summary: Requires the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges and the Trustees of the California State University. Requests the Regents of the University of California and each governing body of an accredited private postsecondary educational institution, to develop model contracts that would govern at each campus within their respective systems the disbursement of a financial aid award, scholarship, campus-based aid award, or school refund on a debit, prepaid, or preloaded card.

SB 212 - Pavley (D)

Title: Student Financial Aid: Assumption Program of Loans

Location: SENATE

Summary: Expresses the intent of the Legislature to restore the funding for the Assumption Program of Loans for Education to its 2011-12 fiscal year level. Requires the Student Aid Commission to award a specified amount of new warrants for the assumption of loans under the program in the 2013-14 fiscal year. Appropriates a specified amount of funds from the

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General Fund for the funding of warrants for the assumption of loans under the program for the 2013-14 fiscal year.

AB 1456 – Jones-Sawyer (D)

Title: Higher Education: Tuition and Fees: Pilot Program

Location: Assembly Higher Education

Summary: Requires the Student Aid Commission, the Trustees of the California State University and the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, and would request the Regents of the University of California to conduct a study of the effects of enacting a Pay It Forward/Pay It Back pilot program to replace the current system of charging students upfront tuition and fees, including for room and board for enrollment at public institutions of higher education.

AB 1538 - Eggman (D)

Title: Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant Program

Location: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Summary: Provides that if an otherwise qualifying institution has a default rate that exceeds the statutory threshold for Cal Grant eligibility, this bill would deem the institution eligible if the Student Aid Commission certifies that the institution satisfies specified conditions.

AB 1590 - Wieckowski (D)

Title: Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant Program

Introduced: 02/03/2014

Location: ASSEMBLY Higher Education

Summary: Relates to Cal Grant A and B Entitlement Awards. Changes the date that the Student Aid Commission needs to certify the institution's latest 3-year cohort default rate and graduation rate. Defines the graduation rate of a qualifying institution.

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