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Information Item

Update on state and federal legislation affecting Commission programs

This item provides an update on legislation prioritized by the California Student Aid Commission.

Item 9.1 contains a legislation tracking table detailing the bills that CSAC is tracking.

Item 9.2 contains a more detailed listing of the bills, their current status, and the Commission's positions concerning the bill.

An oral update will be provided during the Commission meeting for any legislation amended after the publication date of this item.

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CSAC Bill Status Tracker 2015

	Bill	Author	Subject	First House				Second House				Gov Sig	CSAC Position	Status	Hearing Date / Outcome
				Policy Com	Fiscal Com	Floor	Rules	Policy Com	Fiscal Com	Floor	Concurrence				
Active Bills	AB 25	Gipson	Charles Drew Bill - Small Cohort Exemption	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			Support	Senate Floor	TBD
	AB 573	Medina	Gut / Amend – Heald / Corinthian Bill	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			Support	Senate Floor	TBD
	AB 721	Medina	Schools Must Post Info About Private Loans	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Support	To Governor	Awaiting Sig
	AB 1091	Garcia	Graduation Data Template and Other Changes	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			Support	Senate Floor	TBD
	AB 1361	Burke	Remove Age Gap on Transfer Entitlement for vets	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			Support	Senate Floor	TBD
	AB 1366	Lopez	Fund Dream Resource Centers	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			Support	Senate Floor	TBD
	SB 42	Liu	Replace CPEC with New Commission	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			Watch	Assembly Floor	TBD
	SB 62	Pavley	APLE and Teacher Grant Program Changes	X	X	X	X	X	X				Support	Assembly Appropriations	2-year-bill
SB 134	Hertzberg	Funding and Reinstatement of Law LRAP	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			Support	Assembly Floor	TBD	
Inactive Bills	AB 200	Alejo	Increase Competitive to 100,000 awards	X	X	X	X	X					Support	Senate Education	Held
	AB 206	Stone	DREAM Work Study	X	X								Support	Assembly Appropriations	Held
	AB 616	Campos	Fund and Activate State Work Study Program	X									Support in Concept	Assembly Higher Ed	Held
	AB 831	Bonilla	Restore Non-Profit Cal Grant Amount	X	X								Support	Assembly Appropriations	Held
	AB 1529	Vet Affairs Com	Extend National Guard Ed Assistance Program										Support	Introduced	Held
	SB 15	Block	Increase Competitive to 30,000 awards	X	X	X	X	X					Support In Part	Assembly Higher Education	Held
	SB 380	Allen	Topline Teacher Recruitment										Watch	Senate Rules	Held
	SB 573	Pan	Statewide Open Data Portal	X	X	X	X	X	X				NO POSITION	Assembly Appropriations	Held
	SB 791	Hertzberg	Scholarshare / Credit Card Reward Points	X	X								Support	Senate Appropriations	Held
SB 295	De Leon	College Access Tax Credit Fund Pipeline Safety	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Support	Assembly Revenue and Tax	Gutted	

Hearing Scheduled
Passed Committee
Held
Gutted
Suspense

California Student Aid Commission Update on Legislation

Active Legislation

AB 1091
Support

AUTHOR: Garcia E [D]
TITLE: Student Financial Aid
FISCAL COMMITTEE: Yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: No
DISPOSITION: On Suspense
LOCATION: Senate Appropriations Committee
SUMMARY:

Authorizes the Student Aid Commission to require that verification of high school graduation or its equivalent be electronically submitted for all former grade 12 pupils who graduated from public schools, including charter schools, in the prior academic year, except for pupils who have opted out. Requires such submission to be on a standardized form.

VOTES:

04/28/2015	Assembly Higher Education Committee	P 12-1
05/28/2015	Assembly Appropriations Committee	P 12-1
06/03/2015	Assembly Floor	P 77-2
07/15/2015	Senate Education Committee	P 9-0

AB 1361
Support

AUTHOR: Burke [D]
TITLE: Student Financial Aid Cal Grant Program Veterans
FISCAL COMMITTEE: Yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: No
DISPOSITION: On Suspense
LOCATION: Senate Appropriations Committee
SUMMARY:

Revises the Cal Grant eligibility requirement that a student not be of a specified minimum age or older. This age exemption would only apply to a current or former member of the Armed Forces of the United States who was seeking a Cal Grant A or B award, unless he or she is a former member who received a dishonorable or bad conduct discharge. Prohibits accepting award funds from a specified combination of programs.

BACKGROUND:

- Existing law, the Ortiz-Pacheco-Poochigian-Vasconcellos Cal Grant Program, establishes eligibility requirements for awards under these programs for participating students attending qualifying institutions.
- Under the California Community College Transfer Cal Grant Entitlement Program, a student who transfers from a California community college to a qualifying institution that offers a baccalaureate degree and who was not awarded a Cal Grant A or B Entitlement award, receives a Cal Grant A or B award if, at the time of the transfer, the student meets specified requirements, among which is a requirement that the student not be 28 years of age or older by December 31 of the award year.
- This bill would provide that the requirement that a student not be 28 years or older by December 31 of the award year would not apply to a current or former member of the Armed Forces of the United States, as defined, who was seeking a Cal Grant A or B award under this provision, unless he or she is a former member who received a dishonorable or bad conduct discharge.

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- Finally, this bill would prohibit a qualifying institution from accepting award funds under the California Community College Transfer Cal Grant Entitlement Program and Title 38 of the United States Code in the same award year for a current or former member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is 28 years of age or older.

VOTES:

04/28/2015	Assembly Higher Education Committee	12-0
05/27/2015	Assembly Appropriations Committee	17-0
06/01/201	Assembly Floor	80-0
06/24/2015	Senate Education Committee	80-0

AB 1366 Support

AUTHOR: Lopez [D]
COAUTHOR(S): Garcia [D], Bonta [D]
TITLE: Public Postsecondary Education: Dream Resource Liaisons
FISCAL COMMITTEE: Yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: No
DISPOSITION: Pending
COMMITTEE: Senate Appropriations Committee
HEARING: 08/24/2015 10:00 am
SUMMARY:

Requires the California Community Colleges and the California State University to designate a Dream Resource Liaison on their campuses to offer support and to assist certain students by streamlining access to all available financial aid and academic opportunities for those students. Requires each campus of such entities to ensure it has a staff person designated as such liaison who is knowledgeable in all aspects of financial aid and academic opportunities for all students meeting specified requirements.

VOTES:

04/28/2015	Assembly Higher Education Committee	P 10-2
05/28/2015	Assembly Appropriations Committee	P 12-5
06/03/2015	Assembly Assembly Floor	P 52-23
07/15/2015	Senate Education Committee	P 8-1

AB 200 Support

AUTHOR: Alejo [D]
COAUTHOR(S): Williams [D], Jones-Sawyer [D]
TITLE: Student Financial Aid: Competitive Cal Grant Awards
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Senate Education Committee

An act to amend Sections 69437 and 69437.6 of the Education Code, relating to student financial aid.

SUMMARY:

Requires that a specified total number of Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards be granted for certain academic years and that a specified amount be granted for the 2017-18 academic year and each academic year thereafter.

Notes:

- AB 200 would increase the number of Competitive Cal Grants to 60,000 by the 2017-18 academic year. The number of Competitive Cal Grants was increased in the budget this year.

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VOTES:

03/17/2015	Assembly Higher Education Committee	P 12-0
05/28/2015	Assembly Appropriations Committee	P 17-0
06/02/2015	Assembly Assembly Floor	P 78-0

AB 25 Support

AUTHOR: Gipson [D]
TITLE: Financial Aid: Cal Grant Program: Renewal
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Senate Appropriations Committee

An act to amend Section 69432.7 of the Education Code, relating to financial aid.

SUMMARY:

Requires the Student Aid Commission to establish an appeal process for an otherwise qualified institution that fails to satisfy cohort default rate and graduation rate requirements. Authorizes the Commission to grant the appeal for an academic year only if the Commission makes a specified determination.

VOTES:

03/17/2015	Assembly Higher Education Committee	P 11-0
05/28/2015	Assembly Appropriations Committee	P 17-0
06/02/2015	Assembly Assembly Floor	P 79-0
06/24/2015	Senate Education Committee	P 9-0

AB 573 Support

AUTHOR: Medina [D]
COAUTHOR(S): Runner [R], Quirk [D], Ting [D], Rodriguez [D], Dababneh [D], Ridley-Thomas S [D], Baker [R], Chiu [D], Chu [D], Gipson [D], Hadley [R], Kim [R], O'Donnell [D], Santiago [D], Frazier [D], Eggman [D], Cooley [D], Gaines T [R], Galgiani [D], Block [D], Hill [D], Alejo [D], Atkins [D], Bonilla [D], Olsen [R], Wieckowski [D], Brown [D], Calderon I [D], Chau [D], Chavez [R], Thurmond [D], McCarty [D]

TITLE: Campus Closures: Corinthian Colleges

FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: yes
DISPOSITION: Pending
COMMITTEE: Senate Appropriations Committee
HEARING: 08/24/2015 10:00 am

SUMMARY:

Authorizes the Board of Governors of the State Community Colleges to waive the fee for students who meet prescribed requirements regarding the closure of Corinthian Colleges, Inc., campuses statewide. Establishes a single point of contact to respond the closures of institutions that do not comply with specified requirements, and to assist former students. Requires grants to community organizations to assist with loan discharges and tuition recovery. Relates to National Guard assistance students.

VOTES:

04/28/2015	Assembly Higher Education Committee	P 12-0
05/06/2015	Assembly Appropriations Committee	P 17-0
05/12/2015	Assembly Higher Education Committee	P 11-0
05/14/2015	Assembly Assembly Floor	P 74-0
06/29/2015	Senate Business, Professions & Economic Development Committee	P 7-0
07/15/2015	Senate Education Committee	P 7-0

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AB 721 Support

AUTHOR: Medina [D]
TITLE: Student Financial Aid: Private Student Loans
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
DISPOSITION: Pending
FILE: 106
LOCATION: Senate Third Reading File
SUMMARY:

Requires a public, private, or independent institution to make available to the public and in a prominent location on its Internet Web site student loan debt statistics on graduates, and provide students information concerning unused State and federal financial assistance including unused federal student loan moneys available before certifying for private student loans and to inform students they may be eligible for federal student loans at participating institutions and Cal Grants and federal student aid.

VOTES:

04/07/2015	Assembly Higher Education Committee	P 12-0
05/28/2015	Assembly Appropriations Committee	P 17-0
06/02/2015	Assembly Assembly Floor	P 78-0
07/01/2015	Senate Education Committee	P 7-0

SB 134 Support

AUTHOR: Hertzberg [D]
COAUTHOR(S): Jackson [D], Leno [D], Pavley [D], Wieckowski [D], Garcia [D], Santiago [D], Allen [D], Alejo [D]
TITLE: State Bar: Interest on Lawyer Trust Accounts
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Assembly Appropriations Committee
SUMMARY:

Requires unclaimed property in Interest on Lawyer's Trust Accounts to be deposited into the Public Interest Attorney Loan Repayment Account established by this legislation in the State Treasury for the purposes of providing additional funding for the Public Interest Attorney Loan Repayment Program.

VOTES:

05/05/2015	Senate Judiciary Committee	P 7-0
05/28/2015	Senate Appropriations Committee	P 7-0
06/03/2015	Senate Senate Floor	P 37-0
07/07/2015	Assembly Judiciary Committee	P 9-1

SB 15 Support In Part

AUTHOR: Block [D]
COAUTHOR(S): Allen [D], Wieckowski [D], Mitchell [D], Lara [D], Hueso [D], Hill [D], Beall [D], Wolk [D], Leno [D], Hancock [D], De Leon [D], Liu [D]
TITLE: Postsecondary Education: Aid: Incentive Grants
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Assembly Higher Education Committee
SUMMARY:

Increases the total number of Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards granted annually and increases the maximum tuition award amount for Cal Grant A and B for students at private nonprofit postsecondary institutions for the 2015-16 award year and each award year thereafter. Establishes the Graduation Incentive Grant Award. Provides matriculating undergraduate students at the California State University with a specified maximum number of college years of aid. Requires an annual report on the program.

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Notes:

- The Graduation Incentive Grant would be administered by the CSU
- The number of Competitive Cal Grants was increased in the 2015-16 budget.

VOTES:

04/08/2015	Senate Education Committee	P 8-0
05/28/2015	Senate Appropriations Committee	P 5-0
06/02/2015	Senate Senate Floor	P 37-1

**SB 62
Support**

AUTHOR: Pavley [D]
COAUTHOR(S): Hertzberg [D], Chu [D], Rodriguez [D], Vidak [R], Garcia [D], Wieckowski [D], Olsen [R], Hancock [D], Dodd [D], Block [D], Huff [R]
TITLE: Financial Aid: Education Loans: Teaching Fellowships
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Assembly Appropriations Committee
SUMMARY:

Amends the Assumption Program of Loans for Education. Requires a participant to teach in a teaching field with a critical shortage of teachers and to demonstrate financial need. Provides for continuation of the program. Makes further implementation of the program contingent upon a Budget appropriation or other measure. Provides for a total amount of such agreements per academic year.

VOTES:

03/25/2015	Senate Education Committee	P 8-0
05/28/2015	Senate Appropriations Committee	P 7-0
06/03/2015	Senate Senate Floor	P 40-0
07/07/2015	Assembly Higher Education Committee	P 12-0

**SB 42
Watch**

AUTHOR: Liu [D]
TITLE: Office of Higher Education Performance/Accountability
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Assembly Appropriations Committee
SUMMARY:

Establishes the Office of Higher Education Performance and Accountability as the State postsecondary education and planning entity and an advisory board. Requires the Office to articulate and monitor State performance objectives for higher education, advising the Legislature and the Governor regarding the need for, and location of, new institutions and campuses of public higher education, acting as a information clearinghouse, all reviewing all proposal for changes in eligibility. Authorizes requiring data.

Notes:

- This bill would establish the Office of Higher Education Performance and Accountability as the statewide postsecondary education coordination and planning entity. The bill would provide for the appointment by the Governor, subject to confirmation by a majority of the membership of the Senate, of an executive director of the office. The bill would establish a 6-member advisory board to the office for the purpose of reviewing and commenting on any recommendations made by the office to the Governor and the Legislature.
- The office would participate in the identification and periodic revision of state goals and priorities for higher education, advising the Legislature and the Governor regarding the need for, and the location of, new institutions and campuses of public higher education, acting as a clearinghouse for postsecondary education

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information and as a primary source of information for the Legislature, the Governor, and other agencies, and reviewing all proposals for changes in eligibility pools for admission to public institutions and segments of postsecondary education.

03/25/2015	Senate Education Committee	P 8-0
05/28/2015	Senate Appropriations Committee	P 6-1
06/01/2015	Senate Senate Floor	P 38-1
07/07/2015	Assembly Higher Education Committee	P 11-2

SB 573
No Position

AUTHOR: Pan [D]
COAUTHOR(S): Ting [D]
TITLE: Statewide Open Data Portal
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Assembly Appropriations Committee
SUMMARY:

Requires a Chief Data Officer be appointed by the Governor, who would report to the Secretary of Government Operations. Requires the Officer to create the statewide open data portal to provide public access to data sets from agencies within the State. Requires each agency to publish a summary listing of all of its available data sets on the portal and to appoint a data coordinator, who would be responsible for compliance with these provisions. Provides all data is subject to privacy laws.

VOTES:

04/28/2015	Senate Governmental Organization Committee	P 7-1
05/28/2015	Senate Appropriations Committee	P 5-2
06/04/2015	Senate Senate Floor	P 28-11
07/01/2015	Assembly Accountability and Administrative Review Committee	P 9-0
07/07/2015	Assembly Privacy and Consumer Protection Committee	P 11-0

Stalled Bills

AB 1529
Support

AUTHOR: Veterans Affairs Cmt
TITLE: National Guard Education Assistance Award Program
FISCAL COMMITTEE: no
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
SUMMARY:

Expresses the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation regarding extending the National Guard Education Assistance Award Program.

STATUS:

03/18/2015 INTRODUCED.

AB 206
Support

AUTHOR: Stone [D]
COAUTHOR(S): Alejo [D], Williams [D], Jones-Sawyer [D], Santiago [D], Medina [D]
TITLE: Student Financial Aid: DREAM Work-Study Program
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Assembly Appropriations Committee
SUMMARY:

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Establishes the DREAM Work-Study program under the administration of the California State University and University of California to provide financial aid for students meeting its requirements. Requires that the Universities to match the cost of the work-study grant of a student whose work under the program is accomplished on a campus of each institution or at a campus or other facility of a school district or community college district.

VOTES:

04/07/2015 Assembly Higher Education Committee P 9-2

**AB 616
Support
Concept**

in AUTHOR: Campos [D]
TITLE: Student Financial Aid: State Work-Study Program

FISCAL COMMITTEE: no
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Assembly Higher Education Committee
CODE SECTION:

An act[A] to amend Section 69960 of the Education Code, <A] relating to student financial aid.

SUMMARY:

Amends existing law providing for a State Work-Study Program to provide eligible college and university students with an opportunity to earn money to help defray their educational costs while gaining experience in certain employment. Changes a restriction regarding occupation of work-study positions by regular employees.

DIGEST:

AB 616, as amended, Campos. Student financial aid: California State Work-Study Program. Existing law establishes the California State Work-Study Program, under the administration of the Student Aid Commission, to provide eligible college and university students with an opportunity to earn money to help defray their educational costs while gaining valuable experience in educationally beneficial or career-related employment. The program requires a participating institution to ensure that each work-study position meets specified conditions, including ensuring that no position filled by a work-study student has been occupied by a regular employee during the current or immediately preceding 12 months.

This bill would change this time period, regarding a position to be filled by a work-study student, to the current or immediately preceding 6 months.

Vote Required: MAJORITY Appropriation: NO Fiscal Committee: NO Local Program: NO Immediate Effect NO Urgency: NO Tax Levy: NO Election: NO Usual Current Expenses: NO Budget Bill: NO Prop 25 Trailer Bill: NO

STATUS:

02/24/2015 INTRODUCED.
03/26/2015 To ASSEMBLY Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION.
03/26/2015 From ASSEMBLY Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION with author's amendments.
03/26/2015 In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION.

**AB 831
Support**

AUTHOR: Bonilla [D]
TITLE: Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant Program

FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: yes
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Assembly Appropriations Committee
SUMMARY:

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Changes the maximum Cal Grant awards for students attending private nonprofit postsecondary educational institutions, commencing with the 2015-16 award year.

VOTES:

04/07/2015 Assembly Higher Education Committee P 12-0

**SB 791
Support**

AUTHOR: Hertzberg [D]
COAUTHOR(S): Chavez [R]
TITLE: Student Financial Aid: Golden State Scholarshare Trust
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Senate Appropriations Committee
SUMMARY:

Requires the Scholarshare Investment Board to consider entering into an agreement with a card issuer, to require the granting, based on accumulated credit card use, of a reasonable award, or points leading to an award, that would be deposited into Scholarshare trust accounts. Requires the Board to report its decision, and the rationale for that decision, at a regularly scheduled public meeting of the Board. Requires the Board to report the decision, in writing, to the Legislature.

DIGEST:

VOTES:

04/08/2015 Senate Education Committee P 8-0

**SB 295
Support**

AUTHOR: Jackson [D]
COAUTHOR(S): Williams [D]
TITLE: Pipeline Safety: Inspections
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Assembly Appropriations Committee
SUMMARY:

Requires the State Fire Marshal to annually inspect all intrastate pipelines and operators of intrastate pipelines under the jurisdiction of the Marshal. Requires the Marshal to become an inspection agent by entering into an agreement with the federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration. Requires the revision of specified fees assessed to cover this act's costs.

Notes:

- This bill was a gut and amend.

VOTES:

05/06/2015 Senate Governance and Finance Committee P 7-0
05/18/2015 Senate Appropriations Committee P 7-0
05/22/2015 Senate Senate Floor P 38-0
07/14/2015 Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic P 6-1
Materials Committee
07/15/2015 Assembly Governmental Organization Committee P 18-0