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****ACTION REQUESTED****

- **ABX1 32 (Blumenfield): Education Finance**
- **SBX1 6 (Budget & Fiscal Review): Budget: Delay Community Fee Increase & Triggers Modification**

The Chancellor's Office and the League have been working to delay the fee increase that might be triggered in January until summer session.

ABX1 32 and SBX1 6 were passed in the last two days of session and are awaiting consideration by the Governor. These bills were passed in the 1st Extraordinary session and therefore will face an expedited timeframe in which to be acted upon. The Governor has until Monday, September 26 to either act on the legislation or the bills will become law without his signature. In addition, under Proposition 25 these bills will take effect immediately and not be subject to the typical 91-day enactment timetable.

The League is urging you to send a "request for signature" letter, ASAP to Governor Brown on these two bills. A copy of each bill may be found by clicking on each bill: [ABX1 32](#) and [SBX1 6](#). A sample letter can be found below.

Fax numbers are listed below:

- Governor Jerry Brown: Attn: Jacque Roberts (916) 558-3177
- League Legislative Office (916) 441-0378

If you have any questions, please contact me at ttena@ccleague.org.

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SAMPLE LETTER

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown Jr.
Governor of California
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: ABX1 32 and SBX1 6: Budget: Delay Community College Fee Increase

The (your college name here) respectfully requests your signature of ABX1 32 and SBX1 6: Budget: Delay Community College Fee Increase, as amended September 6, 2011.

As amended, these bills would, if the "Tier 1" budget triggers are required, delay the implementation of the \$10 per credit unit enrollment fee increase from the winter term of the 2011-12 academic year to the summer term of the 2012 calendar year.

This change will provide students with an appropriate amount of notification of a planned fee increase, avoiding a situation in which students who aren't able to come up with the increased fees are dropped from classes they need to complete. A summer term implementation of a fee increase will also provide financial aid offices the necessary time to calculate financial aid packages rather than hurriedly in the middle of the academic year. Finally, this change will provide districts with the critical lead time to implement the system changes necessary to collect the increased fee.

Our state's community colleges are hard at work with the business community, local government leaders and community-based organizations to meet the job training needs that will enable our economic recovery. While we sincerely hope that the recovery eliminates the need to pull these budget "triggers," we also want to ensure that our response is as sensible as possible for the students counting on us for education and retraining.

(your college name here) appreciates your thoughtful consideration of ABX1 32 and SBX1 6 and urges your approval of this legislation.

Sincerely,

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