2015-16 Legislative Session Adjourned

The California Legislature concluded its 2015-16 legislative session on August 31. It proved to be a busy month for Assemblymembers and Senators, who passed over 800 pieces of legislation to be considered for a signature or veto. Governor Brown has until September 30 to act on these bills.

Of the 800 bills passed, 35 would impact California Community Colleges; a short list of priority legislation is listed below. The League is continuing to monitor priority legislation and will host a webinar on Thursday, September 29 to discuss the legislative session. The webinar will also provide an update on bill action by the governor and review the key themes that developed throughout the year.

Webinar Details
League End-of-Session Webinar
September 29 • 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Meeting Link: Click here for access.
Participant Passcode: 593024

Priority Legislation
For a full list of bills, click here.

AB 526 (Holden) – Pupils: Attendance at Community College
League Position: Support Action: Passed to Governor’s Desk

This bill would reduce policy barriers that prevent students from accessing dual or concurrent enrollment programs during summer school.

AB 1690 (Medina) – Community Colleges: Part-Time, Temporary Employees
League Position: Oppose Action: Passed to Governor’s Desk

This bill would have originally mandated that all colleges provide seniority re-employment rights to their part-time faculty members. It has been amended to require colleges to negotiate re-employment rights in good faith with their collective bargaining units as part of receiving Student Success and Support Program (SSSP) funding.
AB 1741 (Rodriguez) – California College Promise Innovation Grant Program
League Position: Watch  Action: Passed to Governor’s Desk

This bill would create a competitive grant-based program to fund campus initiatives similar to the _Long Beach Promise._

AB 1995 (Williams) – Community Colleges: Homeless Students: Shower Facilities
League Position: Watch  Action: Passed to Governor’s Desk

This bill would require community colleges with shower facilities to grant access to those facilities for all enrolled students, including those who are homeless.

AB 2017 (McCarty) – College Mental Health Services Program
League Position: Support  Action: Passed to Governor’s Desk

This bill would create a competitive grant program to fund mental health services at public colleges.

AB 2738 (Olsen) – School Bonds: Local School Bonds: Investment
League Position: Oppose  Action: Passed to Governor’s Desk

This bill would prohibit the proceeds from the sale of bonds from being withdrawn by the school district or community college district for investment outside the county treasury. After all project costs related to the issuance of the bonds have been paid, the bill would require any remaining balance or surplus in the building fund of the school district or community college district to be applied to debt service.

AB 2835 (Cooper) – Public Employees: Orientation and Informational Programs: Exclusive Representatives
League Position: Oppose  Action: Held in the Senate

This bill would mandate a 30-minute orientation during work hours between a new employee and representatives of their collective bargaining unit.

SB 1359 (Block) – Public Postsecondary Education: Course Materials
League Position: Support  Action: Passed on to the Governor’s Desk

This bill would require each campus of the California Community Colleges and the California State University, and would request each campus of the University of California, to identify in each published schedule of classes the estimated total cost of required textbooks and other required educational materials for each course offered by the campus.
Annual Convention

The League would like to invite you to our Annual Convention in the diverse and unique City of Riverside this November. It is the premier professional development event for those interested in the performance of California Community Colleges - faculty, administrators, staff, trustees and partners. The more than 600 attendees will discuss important issues impacting our system and we encourage you to be part of the conversation!

For more information and to register online, click here.

Must Read

California Community College Chief Executive Officer (CEOs) Tenure and Retention Study
Community College League of California (May 2016)

The Community College League of California published its bi-annual report regarding the tenure of CEOs and found for 2013-14 the average tenure was 4.6 years. The report also highlights:

- Matching a long-term trend, the tenure of a California CEO is shorter than the national average.
- California employed a greater percentage of minorities and women than the national average.
- Women remain underrepresented in the ranks of CEOs despite the increase of them earning doctorates in education.

The full paper can be found here:

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