Today’s Webinar

- Legislative Session Wrap-up
- Sponsored Legislation
- Review of Legislation
- Budget Update
- Ballot Initiatives
- Federal Issues
Legislative Session Wrap-up
End of Session

• Official end of 2019 legislative year.

• Governor had until October 13\textsuperscript{th} to sign or veto bills.

• Lawmakers on recess until January 6, 2020.

• Excellent time to invite lawmakers onto campus.

• League staff can help coordinate visits.
• First year of Governor Newsom’s tenure and proved different Governor Brown in areas such as education bonds and the some principles of subsidiarity.

• Governor Newsom acted on more than 1,000 bills in 2019

• He signed 870 bills and vetoed 172 (or just over 16% of those that made it to his desk).

• In 2019, nearly 300 bills were signed which make changes to California’s Education Code.
• A few measures that stalled this year may return in 2020, including proposals the League supported which would increase the amount and access to financial aid for community college students (SB 291 [Leyva, D]) and AB 1314 [Medina, D]).

• To obtain the League’s End-of-Session Report or for a full list of bills tracked by the League this session, please visit our website at: www.ccleague.org/advocacy.
Sponsored Legislation
AB 30 (Holden): Would streamline the current process to enter into CCAP dual enrollment partnerships with K-12 districts. AB 30 extends dual enrollment pathways, allows students to complete only one application while attending a community college. Additionally, the bill enables the participation of students at adult continuation schools in the program.

AB 612 (Weber): Statewide MOU between Chancellor’s Office and State Department of Social Services to enable access to CalFresh/EBT on campus.

Both *Signed* by Governor Newsom
Thank YOU for your support, calls, and letters!
Bills of Interest
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Facilities:
- AB 48 (O’Donnell) K-14 Bond

Financial Aid
- AB 2 (Santiago) College Promise
- AB 540 (Limon) Service Grants
- AB 943 (Chiu) Emergency Grants

Governance
- AB 130 (Low) Coordinating Body

Funding:
- AB 1727 (Weber) Non-Credit Programs

Human Resources
- AB 500 (Gonzalez) Maternity Leave

Student Life
- AB 1504 (Medina) Student Rep Fee
- SB 206 (Skinner) Athletics

Taxation
- SB 468 (Jackson) Tax Review Board
Facilities:

**AB 48 (O’Donnell)** Authorizes K-16 general obligation bond for the 2020 primary ballot. Would generate the following revenues for each of the higher education and K-12 systems:

- Community Colleges - $2 Billion
- California State University - $2 Billion
- University of California - $2 Billion
- K – 12 - $9 Billion

**SIGNED** by Governor Newsom

California community colleges will be crucial to the passage of this measure – please stay tuned for ways you can get involved!
Financial Aid:

**AB 2 (Santiago)** Authorizes the second year of tuition waivers for first-time full-time students.

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**AB 540 (Limon)** Creates 2,000 services incentive grants for AB 540 students receiving a Cal Grant B award.

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**AB 943 (Chiu)** Authorizes colleges to provide emergency grants to students who are in danger of dropping out of school due to a financial emergency.

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Bills of Interest

Governance:
**AB 130 (Low)** Would have created a higher education coordinating body that excludes segmental representation.

**Vetoed** by Governor Newsom

Funding:
**AB 1727 (Weber)** Would have permitted non-credit programs to capture apportionment based on census day attendance accounting rules.

**Vetoed** by Governor Newsom

Human Resources:
**AB 500 (Gonzalez)** Would have required schools and community college districts to provide at least six weeks of maternity leave.

**Vetoed** by Governor Newsom
Student Life:

**AB 1504 (Medina)** Permits the Student Senate for California’s Community Colleges to collect a $1 per student per semester fee to represent students at the state level.

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**SB 206 (Skinner)** Prohibits four year colleges from sanctioning a student athlete from generating income via endorsements starting in **YEAR** and requires the Chancellor’s Office to convene a work group to study the issue for community college student-athletes.

**SIGNED** by Governor Newsom.
Bills of Interest

Taxation:

**SB 468 (Jackson)** Would have created a tax review board to evaluate major tax expenditures that cost the state’s general fund at least $1 billion in the last 10 years. It would have asked the University of California to perform this analysis and present the results to the board by July 2021.

*Vetoed* by Governor Newsom

**SB 268 (Wiener), Ballot Measures: Local Taxes.** This bill would have permitted the proponents of a local initiative measure, or a local jurisdiction submitting a local ballot measure, that imposes or increases a tax with more than one rate or authorizes the issuance of bonds, to choose how specific information will appear on the ballot label.

*Vetoed* by Governor Newsom
Update on State SCFF Oversight Committee

• During its September 4th meeting, the state SCFF Oversight Committee voted to include first-generation status in the new community college funding formula.

• The recommendation is to define *first-generation* as a “students for whom neither parent has a bachelor’s degree.” This definition is different from the definition in use by the Chancellor’s Office.
The recommendation will need to be presented to the Legislature for consideration.

All data on first-generation is self-reported.

Currently, data on first-generation status are not consistently collected across all 115 campuses. The current method to identify first-generation students is to ask on the application form, CCC Apply, for the highest level of schooling completed by an applicant’s parents.
2020 Ballot
Ballot Initiatives

Full and Fair Funding $15 Billion Education Ballot Measure

• On October 14, 2019, a coalition, led by California School Boards Association (CSBA) and the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA), and the Community College League of California (League), introduced an initiative that will establish California as a leader in education by investing in our K-12 schools and community colleges.

• If qualified and approved by voters, the measure will generate $15 billion annually to support learning in the state’s K-12 public schools and community colleges and raise California from 38th nationally in school funding to the national average.
Ballot Initiatives

*Full and Fair Funding* could reverse decades of underinvestment:

- Raising $15 billion annually for K-12 and community colleges
- Guaranteeing that the revenue goes to school and can’t be diverted by the Legislature
- Implementing fiscal accountability and transparency provisions

The revenue to fund the measure will be generated by:

- Increasing taxes on corporate income over $1 million by up to 5%
- Increasing income taxes on taxable income over $1 million by up to 2% and by up to 3% on taxable income over $2 million

*Pending title and summary before signature gathering begins.*
Federal Issues
Higher Education Act: Parties Release Proposals

- Majority parties in both houses – Republicans in the Senate and Democrats in the House – have released proposals to reauthorize the Higher Education Act.

- Significant differences between the two proposals.

- Republicans want to make relatively small, bipartisan modifications to federal higher education policy while Democrats want significant changes.

- Ukrainian impeachment inquiry and 2020 election year make compromise very unlikely.

- Better seen as markers for the 2021-22 legislative year.
Senator Alexander introduced the Student Aid Improvement Act (S. 2557)

Makes small changes to act and focuses of area of bipartisan agreement.

Focuses on:
- FASFA simplification.
- Extends Pell Grant eligibility to cohort-term training programs.
- Second chance Pell Grants
- Creates data sharing agreement between US Department of Education and IRS.

Senate Democrats have indicated they will oppose legislation.

Senator Alexander is holding up funding for historically black colleges and universities and minority serving institutions to pass bill.
Congressman Bobby Scott has introduced the College Affordability Act of 2019:

- Proposes to increase college affordability by:
  - Providing matching grants for free community college.
    - Would result in all California community college students receiving free college and a significant budget increase for California community colleges.
  - Increase the maximum value of Pell Grants by $500 and indexing it to inflation.
  - Increasing the lifetime eligibility wind of Pell Grants from 12 to 14 semesters.
  - Funding an emergency grant program via the Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG).
  - Reforms work-study to be more fair and equitable.

- Funding for institutional quality:
  - $1 billion for community colleges to increase success rates.
  - $250 million for community colleges to develop dual enrollment programs.
  - $500 million for institutions based on the number of Pell Grant recipients they have.

- College Accountability
  - Creates a new metric based off of a cohort default rate to determine if colleges are eligible for federal financial aid. New metric is adjusted for colleges with low loan participation rates.
  - Increases the role of accrediting bodies and federal oversight of them.
  - Repeals the proposed revisions to Title IX investigations.
  - Restores Obama-era consumer protection measures such as Gainful Employment.
Preparing for Next Session
2019 Recess Talking Points

• Provided by the League each fall

• Serves as starting points for conversations with legislators during the legislative recess

• Available in this week’s newsletter
2020 Webinar Schedule

2020 Schedule

• Every third Tuesday of the month
• 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 21, 2020
Tuesday, February 18, 2020
Tuesday, March 17, 2020
Tuesday, April 21, 2020
Tuesday, May 19, 2020
Tuesday, June 16, 2020
2020 Annual Legislative Conference
Sun, January 26, 2020 to Mon, January 27, 2020
Sacramento Sheraton Grand
Need a legislative update? Learn from experienced advocates at the League’s Annual Legislative Conference. The Conference provides a unique opportunity to connect with other advocates and learn the latest news on higher education in California, as well as meet with legislators.

2020 NLS California Delegation Breakfast & Briefing
Tue, February 11, 2020
Washington Marriott Marquis, Washington DC
Join California community college leaders in a meeting to strengthen our collective voice as we prepare for productive visits on Capitol Hill at the 2020 Community College National Legislative Summit (NLS).