GOVERNMENT RELATIONS UPDATE
Monthly Webinar | September

COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA
• Legislative Session Wrap-up

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Legislative Session Wrap-up
The California Legislature concluded the first year of the two-year Legislative session against a backdrop of many contentions issues:

- Tighter oversight over vaccination exceptions
- California’s response to the Dynamex court ruling
- Use of force changes for police
- Later K-12 school start times
- Bond spending and segments included
- Housing and rent reforms
- Student Athlete compensation

Any lots and lots of protests and demonstrations...
End of Session

• Official end of 2019 legislative year.

• Governor has until October 13th 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.
Sponsored Legislation
**AB 30 (Holden):** Would streamline the current process to enter into CCAP dual enrollment partnerships with K-12 districts.

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

**PASSED** out of the state legislature unanimously and are on the governors desk.
AB 612 (Weber):
Increased Access to CalFresh/Food Aid

- Would authorize the State Department of Social Services to enter into an MOU with the Chancellor’s Office to permit colleges to process EBT cards.
- Reduce red tape colleges through to bring access to Cal Fresh on campus.
- Based on recommendations and information gathered by the League’s Affordability, Food and Housing Taskforce.

**PASSED** out of the state legislature unanimously and are on the governors desk.
AB 30 (Holden): Dual Enrollment Partnerships

Dual enrollment programs are proven to increase student success and equity.

- Extends the sunset on CCAP.
- Includes continuation high schools.
- Streamlines the process for developing partnerships between districts.
- Streamlines the dual enrollment application.

PASSED out of the state legislature unanimously and are on the governors desk.
Thank YOU for your support and letters!

Letters to Governor Newsom due September 27

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Parking Lots:
• AB 302 (Berman) Parking Lots

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 720 (Muratsuchi) ISAs and Public Safety Agencies
• AB 1727 (Weber) Non-Credit Programs

Student Government
• AB 1504 (Medina) Student Rep Fee

Taxation
• SB 468 (Jackson) Tax Review Board

Title IX Investigations
• SB 493 (Jackson) Investigations
Parking Lots:
**AB 302 (Berman)** Would have required colleges to permit homeless students to sleep in their cars with some consideration given to security and liability concerns.

**HELD** in the State Senate.

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

**PASSED** to the Governor’s Desk.
Financial Aid:

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

**PASSED** to the Governor’s Desk.

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

**PASSED** to the Governor’s Desk.

**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.

**PASSED** to the Governor’s Desk.
Bills of Interest

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

**PASSED** to the Governor’s Desk.

Funding:
**AB 720 (Muratsuchi)** Would have permitted programs created via instructional service agreements to be funded outside of the new funding formula.

**HELD** in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

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

**PASSED** on to the Governor’s Desk.
Bills of Interest

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

PASSED to the Governor’s Desk.

Taxation:
SB 468 (Jackson) Would create 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 ask the University of California to perform this analysis and present the results to the board by July 2021.

PASSED to the Governor’s Desk.
Title IX Investigations:

SB 493 (Jackson) Would have prescribed policies and procedures related to Title IX investigations and permit a student or the Attorney General the a private right of action to sue higher education institutions if either entity feels their rights under SB 493 (Jackson) was violated. The civil penalty would be limited to $2,500 per day of the violation and capped at $50,000.

HELD in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.
Fiscal Year 2020 Appropriations

- Senate, House and President Trump have not reached an agreement on spending levels for Fiscal Year 2020.

- Lawmakers have two weeks to finalize a spending deal.

- Continuing Resolution maintaining spending 2019 spending levels likely.

- Government shutdown expected if no deal is reached.
Undocumented Student Action Week:

- Systemwide effort to advocate for and support undocumented students.

- October 14 - 18

- Series of webinars and advocacy actions throughout the week.

- Resources: https://www.ccleague.org/advocacy/federal-advocacy/supporting-undocumented-students
### Federal Update:

#### Undocumented Student Action Week

**Monday**

1. **DREAM2Action.** An email and social media campaign urging the California Congressional Delegation to take immediate legislative action. This campaign will use an online tool for sending emails and tweets to your representatives.

**Question of the day.** At 12:00 p.m. on each day of Undocumented Student Action Week the Community College League of California will tweet a new question centered around undocumented students. Each day will address a new topic. You can engage in the discussion on Twitter.

### Draft Advocacy Framework:

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<td><strong>Host a townhall on your campus. This is an opportunity to invite members of your community to discuss legislative policies statewide. Consider inviting your representative and their staff. Or host a “Know Your Rights” or “Know Your Resources” Workshop.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Schedule a district office meeting with your legislative leaders urging them to take action on federal issues and increased financial support for services.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Host a phone banking party to urge your congressional representative to take issues on that impact undocumented students.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Host a movie screening highlighting migrant stories. As a next step, register allies to vote immediately after the screening.</strong></td>
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H.R. 4065 (Schiff) Food for Thought Act

Would create a pilot program ran by the United States Department of Agriculture to provide grants intended to help better connect community college students to Cal Fresh or food pantries.

H.R. 3718 (Jahana) Closing the College Hunger Gap Act of 2019

Would require the Department of Education to provide information to eligible students on how to apply for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

S. 923 (Feinstein) and H.R. 1978 (Lieu) Fighting Homelessness Through Services and Housing Act

Would create a competitive grant program for organizations that offer comprehensive services and case management for homeless individuals and their families.
Federal Update:

Tuition and Debt Free College

S.647 (Schatz) Debt – Free College Act

Would provide a path towards debt free college by providing matching grants to states that offer need based financial aid grants that address the total cost of attendance.

S. 686 (Cardin) Strengthening Communities Act

Would provide funding to waive tuition for students at a community college and address the total cost of attendance for a student in their junior and senior year at a four-year institution. In return for receiving the total cost of attendance grants, a student would need to work either in the public sector or a community based organization for several years.
Federal Update:

Significant Expansion of Programs

S. 768 (Warren) Bank on Students Emergency Loan Refinancing Act
S. 2143 (Warren) College Student Hunger Act of 2019
S. 2405 (Warren) Student Loan Protection Act

Introduced together, the above legislation would significantly expand the support the federal government would provide relating to attending college. Among other items, they would waive tuition, increase Pell Grants to fully address total cost of attendance and wipe out most student loan debt.

S. 1947 (Sanders) College for All Act

Similar to Senator Warren’s package, this bill would expand the support system for low and middle income college students. It also would increase Pell Grants to cover total cost of attendance, waive tuition at public institutions and wipe out all student loan debt.
Thank You

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