



GOVERNMENT RELATIONS UPDATE

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COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA



2021-22: They Are Coming Back!

COVID-19 brought significant disruption to the legislative process.

Many bills held back because of lack of ability of the legislature to consider their implications – not due to fiscal and policy concerns.

Of the around 100 bills to be considered that were introduced and impacted community colleges, only five were signed into law.

Focus will be on low-cost, but high-profile legislation.

Response to COVID-19 and cost pressures due to reduced revenue will continue to dominate the discussion in the 2021-22 legislative session.



Legislation that Could Come Back:

- Associate Degree for Transfer reform.
- Broadband accessibility.
- COVID-19 related legislation.
- Ethnic studies graduation requirement for community colleges.
- Expansion of community college baccalaureate degree program.
- Financial aid modernization.
- **Mandated increase in sick leave for faculty and staff.**
- **Reduction of probation for new classified employees from one year to six months.**
- Student trustee rights.
- **Penalties for mistakes made when providing employee contact information to collective bargaining units.**



Bills for Discussion

Academic Affairs:

AB 1460 (Weber) CSU Ethnic Studies

AB 2288 (Low) Nursing Programs

Basic Needs:

AB 2416 (Gabriel) Satisfactory Academic Progress

AB 2884 (Berman) Lottery Dollars

SB 1232 (Glazer) Cal Works





Bills for Discussion: Academic Affairs

AB 1460 (Weber) Ethnic Studies

Will require the California State University make a a three-unit ethnic studies course as a graduation requirement. As an ethnic studies requirement graduation requirement will likely be a lower-division requirement, AB 1460 (Weber) will function as a de facto mandate for our students who wish to transfer to a CSU.

Status: **Signed into law.**

AB 2288 (Low) Nursing Programs

Will provide more flexibility for nursing programs facing a reduction in clinical training hours due to the COVID-19 crisis.

Status: **Signed into Law.**



AB 2416 (Gabriel) – Satisfactory Academic Progress

Will require colleges to consider homelessness as a mitigating factor when considering appeals for students who fail to maintain satisfactory academic progress.

Status: **Signed into Law.**

AB 2884 (Berman) Lottery Dollars

Will permit lottery dollars to be spent on student basic needs such as food and housing assistance.

Status: **Signed into Law.**

SB 1232 (Glazer) CalWORKs

Will permit CalWORKs recipients at public universities to receive a \$500 per semester benefit to pay for books and permit them to request reimbursement for classroom-related expenses above the allocated \$500. Implementation of the bill is contingent on an appropriation via the state budget, which did not occur for 2020-21.

Status: **Signed into Law.**



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Federal Update



Stimulus 4.0: Not Looking Good

- State budget predicated on federal stimulus dollars.
- Significant differences between Senate Republicans and House Democrats.
- President Trump has sent conflicting messages:
 - No deal until after he gets re-elected.
 - \$25 Billion
 - \$1.6 Trillion
 - \$1.8 Trillion
- November elections and Supreme Court nomination have pushed serious consideration of Stimulus 4.0 off.

