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Los Angeles Community College District

ACTION

Com. No. BT2	Division	Board of Trustees	Date: May 13, 2015
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Subject: ADOPT THE LEGISLATIVE & PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS (MAY 13, 2015)

The following motion is presented by Legislative & Public Affairs Committee members Eng (Chair), Field (Vice Chair), and Fong:

Support Oppose AB 968 (Williams) Postsecondary education: transcripts

Summary: This bill would require the governing board of each community college district, the CSU Trustees, the UC Regents, the governing body of each independent institution of higher education, and the governing body of each private postsecondary educational institution to indicate on a student's transcript when the student is ineligible to reenroll due to suspension or expulsion for the period of time the student is ineligible to reenroll.

Analysis: Current law authorizes a community college district to deny enrollment, permit conditional enrollment or enroll, after a hearing, a student who has committed one of numerous serious offenses and been expelled for that offense from another community college district. One of the difficulties surrounding the implementation of that law is that it is difficult to identify which students have been expelled for those offenses. The length of time of this authority is for five years.

Update: The transcripts would only impact students that were expelled for serious offenses such as assault, sexual assault, stalking or other serious offenses. As noted above, the length of time that the indication on the transcript would be for no more than 5 years.

Recommendation: Support, if amended

Support Oppose AB 1016 (Santiago) Public Postsecondary Education: Student Transfer Reform Achievement Act

Summary: This bill would require the Office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to report to the Legislature the status of each community college's compliance with the Student Transfer Achievement Act's provisions related to creating associate degrees for transfer. This bill would also require the CSU to submit 2 reports to the Legislature on campus acceptance of transfer model curricula by concentration. The bill would require the California State University, commencing November 1, 2018, to annually post publicly available data on the extent to which the CSU admitted associate degree transfer students to the students' first choice campus and to a program that is similar to their transfer degree, and to post data concerning associate degree transfer student outcomes.

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Analysis: Since the passage of SB 1440 which created the Student Transfer Reform Achievement Act, the community college academic senate has been working with the CSU academic senate to create model transfer curriculum for community colleges to use in offering associate degrees for transfer. Many students have chosen to take this route to transfer as it guarantees a spot in a CSU. That guarantee, however, is not necessarily to a student's first choice of CSU campus. This measure would provide greater transparency to the extent that students are getting their campus and major of their choice.

Staff Recommendation: Support

Support

Oppose

SB 222 (Block) School bonds: school facilities: statutory lien

Summary: This bill would require school bonds issued and sold to be secured by a statutory lien on all revenues received pursuant to the levy and collection of the tax.

Analysis: This measure is considered a technical amendment relating to bonds issued by schools and community college districts. School districts in California finance construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities by issuing general obligation bonds. These bonds are debts of the school district payable solely from a dedicated property tax levied on all properties in the school district. When collected, all taxes levied for the bonds must be paid into the county treasury into a special fund dedicated solely to the payment of the district's bonds. While bond rating agencies rate bonds based on the fiscal health of the district, in fact, the health of the district has little to no bearing as to the likelihood of the bond being paid off. This measure could likely result in better bond rating for districts.

Update: This bill was amended to apply to all local agency that issue bonds, rather than just K-12 schools and community colleges. The lien would automatically arise without any action or authorization of the local agency or governing board. The lien would be active and binding from the time the bonds are executed and delivered. The revenues received pursuant to the levy and collection of the tax shall be immediately subject to the lien, and the lien shall immediately attach to the revenues and be effective, binding, and enforceable.

Recommendation: Support

Support

Oppose

SB 767 (de León): Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority: transactions and use tax

Summary: This bill would authorize the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority to place a new half-cent sales tax measure on the 2016 allot in order to fund transportation improvements.

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Analysis: Current law authorizes local cities and counties to exceed state sales and use taxes by up to 2% rate with voter approval. Two years ago the Legislature authorized MTA to impose a permanent transactions and use tax, but voters did not approve the tax. This measure authorizes adoption of a transactions and use tax of up to .5% and authorizes MTA to exceed the 2% cap by no more than 1%. The bill requires that an expenditure plan be submitted with the proposed tax, limits administrative costs to 1.5% of tax revenue, and that a resolution be adopted by MTA board submitting the tax. The measure would require a 2/3 vote in order to be successful. LACCD is not yet in the project, but hopes to be included. The district is trying to get low cost fare cards included in the tax measure. A further reduction in monthly fare cards for community college students or for high school students that are concurrently enrolled in a community college could build support across the county.

Recommendation: Support