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Legislative Committee

Status of Legislation

AGENDA INSERT

Executive Summary: Staff will present the status of those legislative measures on which the Commission has adopted a position and those of interest to the Commission.

Recommended Action: For information only

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Strategic Plan Goal

III Communication and Engagement

- d) Advise the Governor, Legislature, and other policy makers regarding issues affecting the quality, preparation, certification, and discipline of the education workforce.

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The *Status of Legislation* agenda item is brought to the Commission to provide updates on the status of bills on which the Commission has taken a position and on the Commission's sponsored bills. Bill updates are listed according to the position adopted by the Commission on each bill.

The Commission currently has no position on any legislative measures.

2015-16 Legislation of Interest

Education

AB 47 (McCarty) State preschool program: report

Introduced: December 1, 2014

Status: Referred to Assembly Committee on Education.

Summary: This bill would require the Department of Education to report to the Legislature and Department of Finance, by June 1, 2016, a plan for expanding the state preschool program to all eligible low-income children who do not have access to one year of state preschool or transitional kindergarten. The bill would require the report to contain an analysis of the need for new facilities for the state preschool program in order to provide access to all eligible children.

AB 141 (Bonilla) Teacher credentialing: beginning teacher induction programs

Introduced: January 9, 2015

Status: Referred to Assembly Committee on Education.

Summary: This bill seeks to require a school district or county office of education that hires a beginning teacher to provide that teacher with an induction program, as defined in law, commencing with hiring for the 2016-17 school year and would prohibit a local educational agency from charging a fee to a beginning teacher to participate in an induction program.

SB 42 (Liu) Postsecondary education: California Commission on Higher Education Performance and Accountability

Introduced: December 2, 2014

Status: Referred to Senate Committee on Education.

Summary: This bill would change the composition of and rename the California Postsecondary Education Commission (CPEC) as the California Commission on Higher Education Performance and Accountability (CHEPA) and would recast and revise its functions, responsibilities and membership. Additionally, the bill would amend statute to replace the CPEC appointee to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing with an appointee from CHEPA and delete the provision providing for an appointee by the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges.

Student Financial Aid

AB 200 (Alejo) Student financial aid: Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards

Introduced: January, 29, 2015

Status: Referred to Assembly Committee on Higher Education.

Summary: Existing law, the Ortiz-Pacheco-Poochigian-Vasconcellos Cal Grant Program, establishes the Cal Grant A and B Entitlement awards, the California Community College Transfer Cal Grant Entitlement awards, the Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards, the Cal Grant C awards, and the Cal Grant T awards under the administration of the Student Aid Commission, and establishes eligibility requirements for awards under these programs for participating students attending qualifying institutions. Among other things, the program requires that a total of 22,500 Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards be granted annually. This bill would instead require that an unspecified total number of Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards be granted for the 2016-17 and 2017-18 academic years and that 100,000 be granted for the 2018-19 academic year and each academic year thereafter.

SB 15 (Block) Postsecondary education: financial aid

Introduced: 12/1/2014

Status: Referred to Senate Committee on Education.

Summary: Existing law establishes the total number of Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards granted annually at 22,500 and the maximum tuition award amount for each Cal Grant A and B award for new students attending private nonprofit postsecondary educational institution at \$9,084 for the 2014-15 award year and \$8,056 for the 2015-16 award year and each award year thereafter. This bill would increase the total number of Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards granted annually to 30,000 and would increase the maximum tuition award amount for Cal Grant A and B for students at private nonprofit postsecondary schools to \$9,084 for the 2015-16 award year and each award year thereafter.

SB 62 (Pavley) Student financial aid: Assumption Programs of Loans for Education

Introduced: December 30, 2014

Status: Referred to Senate Committee on Education.

Summary: This bill would require the California Department of Education, in conjunction with the Student Aid Commission, to report to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2017, on the need for the program, any modifications that may be needed to improve the program's effectiveness in increasing the supply of high quality teachers for high needs and low performing schools, and the need to establish new recruitment and financial aid programs to accomplish that objective.