

Health Workforce Development Council
Legislation
As of July 16, 2014

AB 548 (Salas) – Public Postsecondary Education: Community College Registered Nursing Programs

The bill would extend the community college registered nursing program use of multi-criteria screening process to evaluate applicants for admission to nursing programs until January 1, 2020, and would require the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to submit a report on or before March 1, 2015, and annually thereafter to the Legislature and the Governor.

Status: Conference Committee

AB 1570 (Chesbro) – Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFE)

Effective January 1, 2016, this bill increases the training requirements for licensees and staff of RCFEs. This bill would require the certification program for an applicant for licensure to consist of 100 hours of course work and a state-administered exam of not less than 100 questions. This bill would require staff members of residential care facilities for the elderly who assist resident with personal activities of daily living to receive 40 hours of training before working independently with residents and an additional 20 hours annually as prescribed. This bill would also apply the training requirements specific to dementia care to all residential care facilities for the elderly.

Status: Senate Appropriations

AB 1677 (Gomez) – Nursing Education: Service in Public Hospitals and Veterans' Facilities

The bill establishes a loan assumption program for employees of state hospitals, state veterans' homes, members of the California Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems, and California facilities administered by the federal Veterans Health Administration. This program would provide loan assumption benefits to persons who fulfill agreements to work full time for 4 consecutive years as clinical RNs or LVNs in eligible public facilities, as specified, that employ RNs or LVNs. The program would provide for the assumption of up to \$15,000 annually of a qualifying loan for consecutive years of qualifying clinical RN or LVN service, up to a total loan assumption of \$60,000.

This program would become inoperative on July 1 2022, and would be repealed on January 1 2023. The bill would appropriate \$48,000,000 from the General Fund to the commission

to be expended for purposes of the commission issuing loan assumption awards beginning with the 2015-16 fiscal year to the 2021-22 fiscal year, inclusive, as specified.

Status: Passed from Higher Education to Assembly Appropriations.

AB 1797 (Rodriguez) – Apprenticeship Programs

In efforts to expand job training and employment for allied health professions, this bill would require the California Workforce Investment Board (State Board), in consultation with the Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Apprenticeship Standards, to, among other things, identify opportunities for “earn and learn” job training opportunities and develop the means to identify, assess, and prepare a pool of qualified candidates seeking to enter “earn and learn” job training models. The bill would require the State Board, on or before December 1, 2015, to prepare and submit to specified legislative committees a report documenting the above findings and making recommendations.

Status: Enrolled to Governor

AB 1950 (Campos) – Career Education: Career Education Incentive Program

The would create incentives for school districts, county offices of education, charter schools, and community college districts to establish regional career education consortia for the purpose of coordinating, delivering, and implementing high-quality and cost-effective career and college preparation programs in kindergarten and grades 1 to 12. Create a Jt. Powers Agreement. To be aligned with the Career Technical Education statutes. Collect and report information annually to the boards of each of the agencies involved.

Status: Died of the Floor – House of Origin.

AB 1969 (Levine) – Postsecondary Education: Career Pathways Internship

The bill would add a provision to the Donahoe Higher Education Act requiring the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges and the Chancellor of the California State University, and requesting the President of the University of California to coordinate the efforts of their respective segments when procuring statewide information technology and software of purpose of enhancing student achievement. This bill would specify that the coordination it requires would only apply to information technology and software purchase of more than \$1,000,000.

Status: Senate Appropriations

AB 2216 (Muratsuchi) – Career Technical Education Programs

The bill would promote and support high quality career technical education, including, but not limited to, regional occupational centers or programs, linked learning, partnership academies, and career pathway programs. Amended to include the Regional Occupational Centers to promote and support high quality CTE programs, linked learning, partnership academies and career pathways programs.

Status: Senate Appropriations

AB 2232 (Gray) – University of California: Medical Education

The bill appropriates moneys from the General Fund to the regents of the University of California each fiscal year, commencing with the 2015–16 fiscal year, for allocation to the University of California to support expansion of the San Joaquin Valley Program in Medical Education.

Status: Senate Appropriations

AB 2458 (Bonilla) – Medical Residency Training Program Grants

The bill establishes the Graduate Medical Education Fund, to be used to administer and fund grants to graduate medical education residency programs located in California hospitals or teaching health centers. Appropriates an unspecified amount of money from the General Fund in the 2014–15 fiscal year for this purpose and \$2,840,000 per year for 3 years, commencing with the 2014–15 fiscal year, from the California Health Data and Planning Fund for this purpose. Program will be established in the state Treasurers office with criteria being developed by OSHPD and the Health Workforce Policy committee.

Status: Died in Assembly Appropriations
Suspense file

AB 2659 (Brown) – Health Access Zones: Income Tax Credits

The bill requires the Director of OSHPD and the California Healthcare Workforce Policy Commission to adopt regulations relating to the designation of health access zones, as defined, for the purpose of targeting state resources to reduce health disparities, increase access to primary care for the state’s growing Medi-Cal population, improve health outcomes, and reduce health care costs and hospital admissions and readmissions in certain parts of the state. Has a double referral to Health and Revenue & Taxation. No analysis and bill was put over.

Status: Died in House of Origin – Policy Committee

AB 2610 (Williams) – California State University: Special Sessions

The bill directs the California State University Chancellor to work with various stakeholders to develop a definition for “supplanting” for extended education programs. Extended education offers courses and programs for students who need alternative approaches to achieving their collegiate and professional objectives including degree, training and certification programs. Extended education is a valid part of the university’s service to students, employers and the state. This bill would authorize a campus to, with the approval of the Office of the Chancellor, to add self-supporting section of a course in a state-supported undergraduate degree program, add a self-supported degree program or increase the number of self-supporting sections of an undergraduate degree program.

Status: Senate Appropriations

SB 492 Hernandez) – Optometrist: Practice; Licensure

This bill would include the provision of habilitative optometric services within the scope of practice of optometry. The bill would expand the scope of practice of optometrists who are certified to use therapeutic pharmaceutical agents for use in diagnosing and treating the eye conditions covered by these provisions. The bill would also modify the ability of an optometrist certified to use therapeutic pharmaceutical agents to diagnose and treat certain diseases. The bill would require the board to grant a certificate to an optometrist for the use of advanced procedures, as defined, if the optometrist meets certain educational and certification requirements. The board would also be required to grant a certificate to an optometrist for immunizations if the optometrist meets certain educational and certification requirements.

This bill would expand this requirement to include diagnosing other diseases, and would require an optometrist to consult with and, if necessary, refer to a physician and surgeon or other appropriate health care provider if a situation or condition was beyond the optometrist’s scope of practice.

Status: Assembly Appropriations

SB 841 (Canella) – University of California: Medical Education

The bill would appropriate funds to the regents for allocation to the University of California to support expansion of the San Joaquin Valley Program in Medical Education. The bill would also appropriate funds to the Regents of the University of California for a separate traditional medical school at the University of California, Merced. This bill is the same as AB 2232.

Status: Died in Senate Appropriations
Sent to Suspense File

SB 923 (Pavley) – Educational Apprenticeship Innovation Act

The bill would enact the Educational Apprenticeship Innovation Act, ED Prize. The Act would award a competitive grant, known as the Educational Apprenticeship Innovation Prize to applicant school districts, county offices of education, charter schools, and community college campuses for purposes of promoting apprenticeships, pre apprenticeships, and career pathways among local educational agencies, institutions of higher education, and businesses of importance to local economics. This bill is subject to funding being available in the annual Budget Act.

Status: Assembly Appropriations