

**Aligning California Community College Financial Aid
Amendments to RN 18 08201 (Changes are in Bold)**

SECTION 1. Section 88910 of the Education Code is repealed.

~~88910. For purposes of this part, the following terms have the following meanings:~~

~~(a) "Academic year" means the total of two consecutive semesters or three quarters, commencing with the opening of the fall term. Each semester or quarter is approximately the same length.~~

~~(b) "Associate degree for transfer" means an associate degree established according to the criteria established in Section 66746.~~

~~(c) "Award year" means one academic year plus one summer term, or the equivalent, of attendance at a qualifying institution.~~

~~(d) "Cost of attendance" means the student's tuition and fees, books and supplies, room, board, transportation expenses, including, but not limited to, purchasing regional transit passes, and other student expenses used to calculate a student's financial need for federal student financial aid programs under Title IV of the federal Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (20 U.S.C. Sec. 1070 et seq.).~~

~~(e) "Financial need" means a student's financial need calculated pursuant to the federal financial need methodology, as established by Title IV of the federal Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (20 U.S.C. Sec. 1070 et seq.).~~

SEC. 2. Section 88912 of the Education Code is repealed.

~~88912. (a) Commencing with the 2017–18 academic year, each participating community college shall provide a grant award to a student pursuant to subdivision (b). The purpose of the grant award is to provide the student with additional financial aid to help offset his or her total cost of community college attendance.~~

~~(b) A student attending a community college may receive a grant award pursuant to this section if the student meets all of the following requirements:~~

~~(1) The student has received an award under the Full-Time Success Grant program established pursuant to Schedule (1) of Item 6870-102-0001 of the Budget Act of 2016 for each term in which he or she receives an award under this section.~~

~~(2) The student is enrolled in a program of study and has completed an education plan identifying courses, sequence of courses, key progress milestones, and other requirements the student must complete to earn an associate degree, career technical education certificate, or other community college certificates, or meet university transfer requirements.~~

~~(3) The student is not incarcerated.~~

~~(4) The student is not in default on any student loan and has not failed to repay a federal or state student grant when required to do so.~~

~~(5) (A) The student maintains a grade point average of at least 2.0 and complies with any one of the following:~~

~~(i) Enrolls in 15 or more credit units per semester, or the equivalent number of units per quarter, to be considered on track to obtain an associate degree for transfer or an associate degree, or to otherwise transfer to a four-year university, within two academic years, or within three academic years if a student is required to take basic skills courses by the community college.~~

~~(ii) Enrolls in a sufficient number of units per semester, quarter, or summer term, as determined by the community college, to be considered on track to receive a certificate for a career technical education program or other community college certificates within the published length of time, or within the published length of time plus one academic year if a student is required to take basic skills courses by the community college.~~

~~(iii) Enrolls in intersession or summer coursework after enrolling in 12 or more credits per the primary semester, or the applicable number of units per quarter, as applicable, to be considered on track to receive an associate degree for transfer or an associate degree, or to otherwise transfer to a four-year university, within two academic years, or within three academic years if a student is required to take basic skills courses by the community college.~~

~~(iv) Enrolls in a sufficient number of units per semester, quarterly equivalent, or summer term, as determined by the community college, to be considered on track to receive a baccalaureate degree authorized pursuant to Article 3 (commencing with Section 78040) of Chapter 1 of Part 48 of Division 7 within the published length of time, or within the published length of time plus one academic year if a student is required to take basic skills courses by the community college.~~

~~(B) For the purposes of subparagraph (A), credits earned while participating in a dual enrollment program shall count towards the requisite number of units required.~~

~~(6) The student earns a sufficient number of credits per award year to be considered on track to complete one of the following:~~

~~(A) An associate degree for transfer or an associate degree, or to otherwise transfer to a four-year university, within two academic years, or within three academic years if a student is required to take basic skills courses by the community college.~~

~~(B) A career technical education certificate within the published time for the career technical education program, or complete any other community college certificate within the published length of time for the certificate program, or within the published length of time plus one academic year if a student is required to take basic skills courses by the community college.~~

~~(C) A baccalaureate degree authorized pursuant to Article 3 (commencing with Section 78040) of Chapter 1 of Part 48 of Division 7, within the published length of time for the degree, or within the published length of time plus one academic year if a student is required to take basic skills courses by the community college.~~

~~(7) The student is a California resident or is exempt from paying nonresident tuition under Section 68130.5 or 76140.~~

~~(c) (1) To the extent practicable, a grant award shall be awarded at the same time as a recipient's overall financial aid package.~~

~~(2) The grant award shall be two thousand dollars (\$2,000) annually, with a maximum one-thousand-dollar (\$1,000) award per semester, or quarterly equivalent, shall be considered a supplemental grant, and shall not supplant any other grant, fee waiver, or scholarship aid received by the student, including, but not necessarily limited to, federal grants, Cal Grant awards, institutional grants, merit-based scholarships, athletic scholarships, and full-time student success grants.~~

~~(3) The grant award shall be based upon the financial need of the applicant, and shall not exceed the calculated financial need for any individual applicant. The minimum level of financial need of applicants shall be determined by the commission pursuant to Section 69432.9.~~

~~(4) The grant award identified in paragraph (2) shall be proportionally reduced if the amount of funding appropriated in the annual Budget Act for this purpose is insufficient to fully fund the total number of students awarded a grant.~~

~~(d) Each participating community college shall administer the grant award pursuant to the requirements of this section.~~

~~(e) This section shall not be operative in a fiscal year unless funding has been provided for this section for that fiscal year in the annual Budget Act or another statute.~~

SEC. 3. Section 88912.5 of the Education Code is amended to read:

88912.5. (a) On or before April 1, 2019, the chancellor shall report to the Legislature all of the following for the 2017–18 award year:

(1) The number of grant award recipients who met the requirements of paragraph (5) of subdivision (b) of Section 88912.

(2) The number of grant award recipients who met the requirements of paragraph (6) of subdivision (b) of Section 88912, disaggregated by recipients who are pursuing an associate degree for transfer, an associate degree, or a career technical education certificate or other community college certificate, and further disaggregated by the type of certificate.

(3) The number of grant award recipients who enrolled in and successfully completed a transfer-level mathematics or English course, or an equivalent course to earn a career technical education certificate, that is required for their academic program during their first year of enrollment.

(4) The number of grant award recipients who enrolled in and successfully completed at least nine units in their major during their first year of enrollment.

(5) The average grade point average of grant award recipients.

(b) Student information reported pursuant to subdivision (a) shall be disaggregated by race, ethnicity, gender, and socioeconomic status.

(c) (1) The requirement for submitting a report imposed under subdivision (a) is inoperative on April 1, 2023, pursuant to Section 10231.5 of the Government Code.

(2) A report to be submitted pursuant to subdivision (a) shall be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government Code.

(d) This section shall apply only to awards provided to students during the 2017–18 academic year pursuant to the former Section 88912, as that section read on June 1, 2018.

(e) This section shall become inoperative on June 1, 2023, and, as of January 1, 2024, is repealed.

SEC. 4. Section 88913 of the Education Code is repealed.

~~88913. The board of governors may adopt regulations to administer the Community College Completion Grant Program.~~

SEC. 5. Part 54.82 (commencing with Section 88930) is added to Division 7 of Title 3 of the Education Code, to read:

PART 54.82. COMMUNITY COLLEGES STUDENT SUCCESS COMPLETION GRANT

88930. For purposes of this part, “academic year” means the total of two consecutive semesters or three quarters, commencing with the opening of the fall term. Each semester or quarter is approximately the same length.

88931. (a) Commencing with the 2018–19 academic year, each participating community college shall provide a grant award to a student pursuant to subdivision (b). The purpose of the grant award is to provide the student with additional financial aid to help offset his or her total cost of community college attendance.

(b) A student attending a community college may receive a grant award pursuant to this section if the student meets all of the following requirements:

(1) The student receives a Cal Grant B or C award pursuant to Chapter 1.7 (commencing with Section 69430) of Part 42 of Division 5.

~~(2) The student is enrolled in a program of study and has completed an education plan identifying courses, sequence of courses, key progress milestones, and other requirements the student must complete to earn an associate degree, career technical education certificate, other community college certificate, or meet transfer requirements. The student is making satisfactory academic progress at the college, under criteria required by applicable federal standards published in Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations.~~

(3) The student is a California resident or is exempt from paying nonresident tuition under Section 68130.5 or 76140.

(c) The students who meet the applicant criteria pursuant to subdivision (b) shall be eligible for the following grant amounts:

(1) Five hundred dollars (\$500) per semester, or quarterly equivalent, for eligible students who enroll in 12 units per semester, or the quarterly equivalent number of units, ~~or one thousand dollars (\$1,000) annually for eligible students who take 24 units, with a maximum of five hundred dollars (\$500) award per semester, or quarterly equivalent.~~

(2) Six hundred twenty-five dollars (\$625) per semester, or quarterly equivalent, for eligible students who enroll in 13 units per semester, or the quarterly equivalent number of units, ~~or one thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$1,250) annually for eligible students who take 26 units, with a maximum of six hundred twenty-five dollars (\$625) award per semester, or quarterly equivalent.~~

(3) Nine hundred fifty dollars (\$950) per semester, or quarterly equivalent, for eligible students who enroll in 14 units per semester, or the quarterly equivalent number of units, ~~or one thousand nine hundred dollars (\$1,900) annually for eligible students who take 28 units, with a maximum nine hundred fifty dollars (\$950) award per semester, or quarterly equivalent.~~

(4) Two thousand dollars (\$2,000) per semester, or quarterly equivalent, for eligible students who enroll in 15 units per semester, or the quarterly equivalent number of units, ~~or four thousand dollars (\$4,000) annually for eligible students who take 30 units, with a maximum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) award per semester, or quarterly equivalent.~~

(5) If funding is available after making awards to students in the primary terms, community colleges may grant additional awards to students who take sufficient units during the summer term to bring their total number of academic units to 24 units or more for the academic year. The Chancellor's Office shall work with colleges to determine the summer grant amounts based on available funds. It is the intent that the available grants would be prorated to allocate a larger amount to students who take sufficient units for a total of 30 units or more for the academic year.

(d) (1) To the extent practicable, a grant award shall be awarded at the same time as a recipient's overall financial aid package.

~~(2) A student shall not receive both an annual grant and a semester grant at the same time.~~

~~(3)~~(2) The grant award shall be considered a supplemental grant, and shall not supplant any other grant, fee waiver, or scholarship aid received by the student, including, but not necessarily limited to, federal grants, Cal Grant awards, institutional grants, merit-based scholarships, and athletic scholarships.

~~(4)~~(3) The grant award shall be based upon the financial need of the applicant, and shall not exceed the calculated financial need for any individual applicant. The minimum level of financial need of applicants shall be determined by the commission pursuant to Section 69432.9.

~~(5)~~(4) The grant award identified in subdivision (c) shall be proportionally reduced if the amount of funding appropriated in the annual Budget Act for this purpose is insufficient to fully fund the total number of students awarded a grant.

(e) (1) Each participating community college shall administer the grant award pursuant to the requirements of this section.

~~(2) Each participating community college shall ensure that each student receiving an annual grant maintains the eligibility requirements of subdivision (c) for each term that the student is enrolled and that the student is on track with the sequence of courses and milestones identified in the student's education plan. It is the intent of the Legislature that a student is enrolled in a program of study and has completed an education plan identifying courses, sequence of courses, key progress milestones, and other requirements the student must complete to earn an associate degree, career technical education certificate, other community college certificate, or meet transfer requirements.~~

(3) Each participating community college shall encourage students to enroll in a sufficient number of units per semester, quarter, or summer term to be considered on track to obtain a certificate, associate degree for transfer, or associate degree or transfer to a four-year university within two academic years or within three academic years if a student is required to take basic skill courses by the community college.

(f) This section shall not be operative in a fiscal year unless funding has been provided for this section for that fiscal year in the annual Budget Act or another statute.

88932. (a) On or before April 1, 2020, the chancellor shall report to the Legislature all of the following for the 2018–19 award year:

(1) The number of grant award recipients who met the requirements of Section 88931, disaggregated by recipients who are pursuing an associate degree for transfer, an associate degree, or a career technical education certificate, or other community college certificate, and further disaggregated by the type of certificate.

(2) The number of grant award recipients who met the requirements of Section 88931 and received a grant disaggregated by the number of units the recipients were enrolled in each term during the academic year.

(3) The number of grant award recipients who met the requirements of Section 88931 considered on track to complete their educational program within two academic years, within three academic years if a student is required to take basic skill courses by the community college, within the published length of time, or within the published length of time plus one year if a student is required to take basic skill courses by the community college.

(4) The average grade point average of grant award recipients.

(b) Student information reported pursuant to subdivision (a) shall be disaggregated by race, ethnicity, gender, and socioeconomic status.

(c) (1) The requirement for submitting a report imposed under subdivision (a) is inoperative on April 1, 2024, pursuant to Section 10231.5 of the Government Code.

(2) A report to be submitted pursuant to subdivision (a) shall be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government Code.

88933. The board of governors may adopt regulations to administer this part.