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California Community Colleges Chancellor Jack Scott Praises Gov. Brown's Action on Pair of Bills Affecting Community College Fees

Students benefit from delay of fee increase due to possible trigger cuts; student soldiers deployed also aided

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – California Community Colleges Chancellor Jack Scott today congratulated Gov. Jerry Brown for signing a pair of bills written to protect students who attend the system's 112 community colleges.

Assembly Billx1 32, authored by Bob Blumenfield (D-San Fernando Valley), will delay implementation of a mid-year student fee increase to summer 2012 if state revenues fall more than \$1 billion below projections and trigger cuts are executed. The increase from \$36 to \$46 per unit was originally proposed for the spring 2012 term.

"Gov. Brown is to be commended for signing this bill deferring until summer a \$10 per unit fee increase in the event that mid-year budget cuts are deemed necessary," Chancellor Scott said. "Colleges will now have sufficient time to implement increased fees. Without this legislation, colleges would have been forced to raise fees on very short notice and collect increased fees from students who had already registered for spring classes.

Gov. Brown also signed AB 636, authored by Steve Knight (R-Antelope Valley), which requires reasonable accommodation or a tuition refund be given to National Guard members called to active duty, regardless of their withdrawal date from the classes they were enrolled in at the time of deployment.

"We applaud Gov. Brown's action on this legislation that will eliminate potential penalties for students who are in the National Guard if they are called to active duty," Chancellor Scott said. "During these deployments, students have little time to prepare, and do not have time to take into consideration enrollment withdrawal deadlines. This is the least we can do to make it easier for members of the armed forces who attend our colleges."

The [California Community Colleges](http://www.cccco.edu) is the largest system of higher education in the nation. It is composed of 72 districts and 112 colleges serving 2.6 million students per year. Community colleges supply workforce training, basic skills courses in English and math, and prepare students for transfer to four-year colleges and universities. The Chancellor's Office provides leadership, advocacy and support under the direction of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges.

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