

FACT SHEET
AB 393 (Quirk-Silva)
Mandatory Systemwide Fees and Tuition Moratorium

SUMMARY

AB 393 requires that tuition and mandatory systemwide fees for CSU Students, and enrollment fees charged to CA Community College students may not be increased from the amounts that were charged as of December 31st, 2016. The moratorium would be in place until the completion of the 2019-20 academic year. The bill would also urge the Regents of the UC system to adopt policies consistent to these provisions.

PROBLEM

There are significant financial challenges facing our students today. In 2015 more than half of the CSU's nearly 475,000 students (54 percent) received Pell Grants, a need-based federal program for low-income undergraduates. Homelessness and food insecurity are harsh realities for many students today.

According to a study commissioned by the CSU Chancellor's Office, one in 10 students today is homeless and one in five doesn't always enough food. CSU students also work – not for extra spending money but to meet their basic needs. Some 40 percent are not their parents' dependent and must work to support themselves, and nearly 25 percent have dependents of their own to support.

While the student body at the CSU has grown by 64 percent over the past 30 years, state funding has not kept pace with the strong growth in CSU student enrollment. The long-term shortfall in state funding that's accumulated over the years has massive implications for students, particularly when it comes to skyrocketing tuition, which has grown 923% over the last 30 years.

These high tuition costs constrict access to our institutions of higher education and deny

students their families' dream of obtaining a degree. This runs counter to the promise of the Master Plan. At a time where the PPIC projects that California will be short 1.1 million college graduates by 2030, we cannot afford to be pricing students out of our higher education system. The long term funding shortfalls in our higher education system cannot be balanced on the backs of our students.

SOLUTION

AB 393 places a moratorium on tuition, mandatory systemwide fees and enrollment fees for CSU and Community College Students thought the 2019-2020 academic year and urges the UC Regents to take similar action. This moratorium will give students and their families peace of mind that the already high costs of higher education will be capped for the near future as the legislature works on long term funding solutions for the three segments of our higher education system.

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