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Gov. Schwarzenegger Signs Bills to Guarantee CSU Admission to Community College Graduates

To increase access to the California State University (CSU) system, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today signed [SB 1440](#) by Senator Alex Padilla (D-Pacoima) and [AB 2302](#) by Assemblymember Paul Fong (D-Cupertino).

“These two pieces of legislation are a historic victory for California’s students, and I’m proud to sign both of them into law,” said Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. “Guaranteeing admission into a CSU for any community college student who completes the newly established transfer degree under SB 1440 is a monumental step forward for California’s higher education system. This legislation also strengthens our economy by giving more students the necessary skills to enter the workforce, grow companies and create jobs in California. I commend both Senator Alex Padilla and Assemblymember Paul Fong for authoring legislation that provides such a fantastic opportunity to our community college students.”

[SB 1440](#) by Senator Padilla streamlines the transfer process for students looking to transfer from a California Community College (CCC) to a CSU. Specifically, this bill requires CCC districts to establish associate degrees for transfer, guarantees an associate degree for transfer students are admitted to CSU with junior status and establishes course unit limits on most majors in order to reduce unnecessary, excess coursework.

[AB 2302](#) complements and builds upon the work of SB 1440 to improve the efficiency of the transfer process and helps facilitate the successful implementation of transparent transfer pathways at the University of California (UC). The bill calls for the UC to examine the development of a transfer pathway for students which would result in a transfer associate degree and system admission, and it provides a framework for student notification of the new transfer pathway created in SB 1440.

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