



**TO:** Adult Career and Continuing Education Services  
(ACCES) Committee

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**SUBJECT:** 2018 State Budget and Legislative Priorities

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## SUMMARY

### Issues for Discussion

The Regents advance State budget and legislative priorities every year. At the October meeting, the Regents Subcommittee on State Aid reviewed and discussed proposals advanced during the 2017 budget cycle and legislative session. At the November meeting, the relevant committees of the Board will review and discuss these proposals, as well as review and discuss new initiatives. The proposals will come before the full Board in December for approval.

### Reason(s) for Consideration

Review and update of the Regent's State budget and legislative priorities.

### Recommendation

It is recommended that the Regents discuss support for last year's proposals, identifying any recommended modifications, as well as review new proposals for inclusion in the Board's 2018 State budget and legislative priorities.

Attachment

**2018 Potential Budget Priorities- ACCES**

<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Amount of Request</b>	<b>Policy Area</b>	<b>History/Notes</b>
<p><b>Independent Living Services-</b> Independent Living Centers (ILCs) serve people with disabilities and their families by providing an array of services to help these individuals live a fully integrated and self-directed life.</p>	<p>\$5M</p>	<p>Equity</p>	<p>This is a previous Board Priority.</p> <p>The Senate and Assembly One House budget proposals included \$1M, but additional funding was not included as part of the enacted budget.</p>
<p><b>Bridge to College &amp; Careers Pilot Program-</b> Bridge programs enable out-of-school youth and adults to obtain critical basic skills and high school equivalency diplomas which would lead to programs resulting in industry-recognized credentials for employment or a college degree.</p>	<p>TBD</p>	<p>Equity</p>	<p>This is a previous Board Priority.</p> <p>The request last year was for \$10M, the cost could be reduced by decreasing the number of programs to reflect a true pilot program with a possible expansion request to come in future years.</p>
<p>Investment in <b>Adult Education</b> programs to offset an \$8 million shift from English Language Civics to Workforce Development within the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).</p>	<p>TBD</p>	<p>Equity</p>	<p>This would be a new Board Priority.</p>
<p>Grant program to support the <b>Reasonable Accommodation</b> needs and services for individuals with disabilities enrolled at degree granting institutions of higher education.</p>	<p>TBD</p>	<p>Equity</p>	<p>This would be a new Board Priority joint with the Higher Education Committee.</p> <p>This concept proposal came out of the Advisory Council on Post-Secondary Education for SWDs.</p>

**2018 Potential Legislative Priorities- ACCES**

<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Policy Area</b>	<b>History/Notes</b>
<b>Reader's Aid</b> - expansion to those with print disabilities.	Equity	<p>This would be a new Board Priority.</p> <p>The Department and the higher education sectors do not currently have the data regarding enrollment of students with print disabilities, but are working to develop a system to collect this information so a cost analysis can occur.</p> <p>Last year the Board advanced a Priority proposal to update the Reader's Aid program by expanding the uses for which the funds could be expended, increasing the per student cap, and expanding the types of schools that could participate in the program. The Department's bill providing for these statutory changes was signed into law (Chapter 350 of the Laws of 2017).</p>