



**TO:** Higher Education 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- Higher Education

Proposal	Amount of Request	Policy Area	History/Notes
<p><b>Expand Teacher Opportunity Corps (TOC) II Grant</b>– Increasing the participation rate of historically underrepresented and economically disadvantaged individuals in teaching careers.</p>	TBD	Equity	<p>The Board in their Oct. meeting discussed the possibility of pulling funding back into the discussion of Opportunity Programs. While this would be a new Board Priority this year, the original TOC program was previously addressed as an opportunity program (but not grouped with the other opportunity programs as such) and TOC II was part of the Board’s MBK proposal.</p> <p>With the original TOC program grant ending June 30, 2018, this may be an opportune time to combine the TOC and TOC II grants into one program that is based on the TOC II grant elements and requirements with a potential increase in line with that of the other opportunity programs.</p>
<p><b>Expansion of Shanker Grant</b>- Expanding access to National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (National Board) certification, which allows teachers to hone their practice, provides professional development, and enhances teacher effectiveness.</p>	TBD	Efficiency	<p>This is a previous Board Priority. Last year the Board requested \$160,000 and included a request for increased teacher certification exam vouchers as well. The Assembly included \$400,000 in Shanker Grant funding in their One House budget proposal.</p>
<p><b>Institutional Accreditation</b>- Seeking authorization for the Department to spend the fees related to supporting accreditation services, which would include the addition of dedicated accreditation staff, and expenses incurred in order to support and enhance conducting accreditation of institutions of higher education.</p>	<p>Spending Authority and \$650,000/yr until fees cover 3.5 FTE</p>	Efficiency	<p>This provision was included in the Assembly One House Budget proposal, however an SED Departmental bill passed both houses (S.6780 LaValle/A.8491 Nolan).</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 ACCES Committee. This concept proposal came out of the Advisory Council on Post-Secondary Education for SWDs.</p>
<p><b>Higher Education Opportunity Programs</b> - The state’s higher education opportunity programs are available to students attending colleges and provide access to higher education to students who might not otherwise have the opportunity.</p> <p><b>Arthur O. Eve Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP):</b> HEOP provides financial aid, pre-freshman summer programs, remedial/developmental courses, tutoring, and counseling to students attending independent colleges.</p> <p><b>Science and Technology Entry Program (STEP):</b> STEP provides academic enrichment in science and mathematics with the purpose of increasing the number of historically underrepresented and economically disadvantaged students prepared to enter college, and improving their participation rate in mathematics, science, technology, health-related fields and the licensed professions.</p> <p><b>Collegiate Science and Technology Entry Program (CSTEP):</b> CSTEP provides academic enrichment and research experience in STEM content areas in order to increase the number of historically under-represented and economically disadvantaged undergraduate and graduate students who complete programs of study that lead to professional licensure and to careers in mathematics, science, technology, and health-related fields.</p> <p><b>Liberty Partnerships Program (LPP):</b> LPP offers comprehensive pre-collegiate/dropout prevention programs and services.</p>	<p>\$11.67M</p>	<p>Equity</p>	<p>This is a previous Board Priority. The Regents have historically requested an increase in Higher Education Opportunity Programs funding.</p> <p>The Legislature and Executive, led by the Assembly who is a constant champion for the opportunity programs, generally increase funding for these programs each year in the enacted budget. This year funding was only maintained- it is likely that with other significant costs in higher education this year, such as the establishment of the Excelsior scholarship, that funding increases were simply not available but there have been steady and significant increases to these programs in previous years.</p>

### 2018 Potential Legislative Priorities- Higher Education

Proposal	Policy Area	History/Notes
<p><b>Sustaining ECHS and P-TECH Programs-</b> Codification of ECHS and P-TECH programs in statute.</p>	<p>ESSA</p>	<p>While this would be a new Board Priority this year, the Board has proposed the codification of these programs in the past.</p>
<p><b>DREAMers-</b> Eliminate provisions in state law that require students to be a US citizen or permanent lawful resident to receive general awards, including TAP, academic performance awards, scholarships or other financial assistance.</p>	<p>Equity</p>	<p>This is a previous Board Priority. A proposal similar to the Department's bill was included in the Executive's proposed 2017-18 budget and similar Legislation passed the Assembly again this past session, but did not move out of the Education Committee in the Senate (S.471a Peralta/A.3039 Moya).</p>