**SBCTC Legislative Watch 2017: Bills of Interest to Student Services**

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| House | Senate | Description | Status |
| 1333 | 5234\* | Creates system-wide policy for College Credit for AP Test Scores | Concerns about college autonomy |
| 1488 |  | Makes 1079 students eligible for College Bound Scholarship (de-couple from DACA) and Opportunity Scholarship, using WAFSA | Support |
| 1057 | 5022\* | WA Student Loan Transparency Act: CTCs must provide loan info each time a new FA package is provided, incl. amount owed, estimated payments, etc. | Concerns about FA office workload |
| 1440 |  | Student Loan Bill of Rights: creates student loan ombuds, housed at WSAC in collaboration with Attorney General’s Office (appears to be funded by fees to loan servicers) | Support |
| 1452 | 5361\* | Opportunity Scholarship eligibility extended through a public-private funded “pathways scholarship account” to prof-tech certificates and degrees for STEM programs | Support |
|  | 5100 | CTCs in collaboration with WSAC take “reasonable steps to ensure” financial literacy seminars to incoming students by 2017-18 | Concerns about FA office workload; “live” requirement now deleted; possibly use WSAC curriculum |
| 1169 |  | Student Opportunity, Assistance, and Relief Act: creates hotline and free student education loan debt counseling | Neutral |
| 1433 | 5592\* | Decoupling tuition and activities fees | Neutral (substitute bill exempts CTCs) |
|  | 5064 | Student Freedom of Expression: school-sponsored student media free from censorship by student media advisors | Neutral |
|  | 5525 | Veteran college student health: if funds appropriated, 1 FTE mental health counselor to work with student, faculty, and staff veterans and their spouses/dependents | Concerns about unfunded mandate if no budget appropriation |
|  | 5764 | Records of college-affiliated advocates and certain investigative, law enforcement and crime victim information protected | Neutral (now that transcript notation is removed) |
|  | 5820 | GPA requirement for SNG renewal | Concerns, should be need based only |
| 1375 |  | Posting textbook costs on online course schedules or providing a link to bookstore websites or other websites that provide the information | Fiscal concerns |
|  | 5778 | Residency for military dependents, to conform with federal rules | Support |

\*denotes companion bill