April 25, 2022

Members of the Assembly Committee on Higher Education
1020 N Street, Room 173
Sacramento, CA 95814

Position: Support AB 1987 (Salas) and AB 2122 (Choi)

Dear Members of the Assembly Committee on Higher Education,

On April 17, 2021, the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges passed Resolution S22 5.01, which reads as follows:

Whereas, The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) adopted Resolution F21 03.03 Support for Mental Health Awareness and Trauma Informed Teaching and Learning, which calls for the ASCCC to continue to support and advocate for funding for mental health resources, services, and professional learning on trauma-informed teaching and learning; and

Whereas, The ASCCC adopted Resolution S16 06.04 Mental Health Services, which urges “local senates to advocate for the improvement of and access to mental health services at their local campuses” and “support consistent resourcing and funding to enable the expansion of and improve access to mental health services for community college students”;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges include a request for funding for mental health resources, services, and professional learning on trauma-informed teaching and learning in the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office 2023-24 System Budget Proposal; and

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges support AB1987⁴ (Salas, 2022, as of March 5, 2022) Postsecondary education: student mental health spending: report and AB 2122⁵ (Choi, 2022, as of March 5, 2022) Public postsecondary education: mental health hotlines: student identification cards.

Therefore, the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges expresses its position of support for AB 1987 (Salas, 2022, as of March 5, 2022) Postsecondary education: student mental health spending: report and AB 2122 (Choi, 2022, as of March 5, 2022) Public postsecondary education: mental health hotlines: student identification cards.

Please feel free to contact us should you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Dolores Davison, President

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⁴ https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB1987
⁵ https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB2122