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In 2007, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed 750 bills into law and vetoed 214. This *SCHOOLS ROCK* supplement lists some of the new laws that involve schools and community colleges. This supplement attempts to summarize the legislative bills but should not be read as a legal opinion or as a complete guide.

Middle and High School Counseling Program Focuses on Individualized Review

SB 405 expands the Middle and High School Counseling Program to include individualized review of the career goals, and academic and career-related opportunities available to participating pupils. The individualized review would also explain the coursework and academic progress required for eligibility for admission to a four-year college. In addition, school districts would be required to perform additional duties related to identifying and monitoring pupils who are not on track to satisfy the curricular requirements for admission to the UC and CSU systems. (Steinberg, effective Jan. 1, 2008.)

Visiting Faculty Permits Requirement

Under SB 859, before employing a visiting faculty, school districts need to submit a justification to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing. The commission may deny a request for a visiting faculty permit that does not include the requisite justification. A visiting faculty permit would be valid for one

year and renewable two times. (Scott, effective Jan. 1, 2008 until July 1, 2015.)

Colleges to Revise On-Campus Credit Card Marketing Activities

AB 262 urges the Regents of the University of California and requires the Trustees of the California State University and the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges to annually direct each campus to disclose all exclusive arrangements, excluding proprietary information, with banks or other commercial entities to engage in on-campus credit card marketing agreement. The bill would prohibit banks and other commercial entities, while soliciting in public campus areas, from offering gifts to students who complete credit card applications. (Coto, effective Jan. 1, 2008.)

New Calculations in Construction of School Facilities

AB 1014 provides that a school district's ongoing eligibility for new construction funding is determined by using the cohort survival enrollment projection system to project the enrollment for the fifth year beyond the fiscal year in which the application is made. The school board may supplement the cohort survival projection with the number of unhoused pupils who are anticipated as a result of dwelling units proposed pursuant to approved tentative subdivision maps, modified weighting mechanisms, and adjustments for changes in birth rates.

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