

AP 5030 FEES

References:

Education Code Sections 70902(b)(9), 76300, 76300.5, and 66025.3;

Title 5 Section 51012;

Civil Code Section 1719;

California Community College Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) Student Fee Handbook

NOTE: This procedure is legally required. Local practice can be inserted here, but must comply with applicable law. Community college districts may only require students to pay a fee if required or specifically authorized by statute.

The General Counsel's Office of the State Chancellor's Office regularly publishes revisions to the student fee handbook which is accessible at http://www.cccco.edu/divisions/legal/studentfeehandbook_files/studentfeehandbook.htm The Student Fee Handbook analyzes which fees are required and which are permitted as well as those which are prohibited.

- ❖ **From current CLPCCD Administrative Rules and Procedures 5121 titled Fees**

Required fees include:

- 1. Enrollment Fee** (Education Code Section 76300 and 76300.5; Title 5 Sections 58500 and 58509)
California residents, except those exempt by law, must pay a ~~\$26-00~~ per unit enrollment fee for classes at the colleges.
- 2. Nonresident Tuition Fee** with these permissive exemptions (Education Code Sections 76140 and 76140.5):
 - a. All nonresident students enrolling for 6 or fewer units; or
 - b. A student who is a citizen and resident of a foreign country who demonstrates financial need and this required exemption (Education Code Section 68130.5);
 - c. All students, other than nonimmigrant aliens under 8 U.S. Code Section 1101(a)(15), who meet the following requirements:

- i. high school attendance in California for three or more years;
- ii. graduation from a California high school or attainment of the equivalent thereof;
- iii. registration or enrollment in a course offered for any term commencing on or after January 1, 2002;
- iv. completion of a questionnaire form prescribed by the State Chancellor's Office verifying eligibility for this nonresident tuition exemption; and
- v. in the case of a student without lawful immigration status, the filing of an affidavit that the student has filed an application to legalize his/her immigration status, or will file an application as soon as he/she is eligible to do so.

Fees authorized by law include:

- **Instructional Materials Fee** ([Education Code Sections 73365, 81457, and 81458; Title 5 Sections 59400 and 59408](#))

Each college will develop its own procedure for charging instructional materials fees. These fees will reflect actual costs of consumable materials in certain designated classes.

- **Parking Fee** ([Education Code Section 76360](#))

Students are required to register the vehicle they wish to park on campus. Vehicles are registered at the beginning of each semester. New parking permits/decals of a different color will be issued each semester. One parking permit/decal is issued for each registered vehicle upon payment of the parking fee. Daily parking tickets are available at the ticket dispenser machines located on all student lots, and the permit shall be displayed on the dashboard on the driver's side.

Parking fees for disabled students with current DMV placard may be waived by the College Vice President of Student Services based on financial need.

Enforcement of parking rules and regulations shall begin the third week of instruction of each semester and tickets will be issued for violators.

- **Health Fee** ([Education Code Section 76355](#))

Each college will develop its own procedure for charging health fees. These fees will reflect the actual cost of health services & related expenses.

- **Noncredit courses** ([Education Code Section 76385](#))

- **Community service courses** ([Education Code Section 78300](#))

- **Cross-Enrollment with the California State University (CSU) or University of California (UC)** (Education Code Section 66753)
- **Nonresident application processing** (Education Code Section 76142)
- **Nonresident capital outlay** (Education Code Section 76141)
- **Refund processing** (Title 5 Section 58508)
- **Credit by Examination** (Education Code Section 76300; Title 5 Section 55050)
- **Use of facilities financed by revenue bonds** (Education Code Section 81901(b)(3))
- **Copies of student records** (Education Code Section 76223)
- **Telephone registration** (Education Code Section 70902(a))
- **Credit Card Use** (Education Code Section 70902(b)(9))
- **International Student Medical Insurance** (Education Code Section 70902(b)(9))
- **Child care** (Education Code Sections 79121 et seq. and 66060)
- **Student Center** (Education Code Section 76375; Title 5 Section 58510)
- **Student representation** (Education Code Section 76060.5; Title 5 Sections 54801 and 54805)
- **Transportation** (Education Code Sections 76361 and 82305.6)
- **Instructional Tape Lease/Deposit** (Education Code Section 70902(b)(9))
- **Physical fitness test** (Education Code Section 70902(b)(9))
- **Athletic insurance** (Education Code Section 70902(b)(9))
- **Non-District physical education facilities** (Education Code Section 76395)

Collection and Refund of Fees

- **Fee Refunds** – Students may request a refund of enrollment fees as long as the student withdraws from the class during the first two weeks of instruction for a

regular-term class or by the ten percent point of the length of a short-term class. Refunds are not automatic. Requests for refunds must be filed by June 30 for the academic year just ended. Credit balances do not carry over from one academic year to the next.

A student who must withdraw for military purpose shall be refunded 100% fees paid, regardless of the date of withdrawal. In this case, requests for refunds made after the end of the academic year will be honored.

- **Outstanding Debt Collection** – The District may refer a student's outstanding debt to a collection agency and/or the State of California Franchise Tax Board (FTB) for collection. Once referred, additional fees may apply and credit rating may be affected. If debt is referred to the FTB, amounts owed may be deducted from a student's state tax refund, California lottery prize, or unclaimed property.
- **Returned Checks** – Pursuant to Civil Code Section 1719, the District will assess a service charge for any check passed on insufficient funds.

NOTE: The **red ink** signifies language that is **legally required** and recommended by the Policy and Procedure Service and its legal counsel. The language in **black ink** is from current CLPCCD Administrative Rules and Procedures 5121 titled Fees issued on March 19, 1996 and revised on July 11, 2000, July 15, 2003, June 27, 2006, and November 14, 2006. The language in **blue ink** was added by Barbara Yesnosky on May 6, 2013.

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EDUCATION CODE SECTION 70902

70902. (a) (1) Every community college district shall be under the control of a board of trustees, which is referred to herein as the "governing board." The governing board of each community college district shall establish, maintain, operate, and govern one or more community colleges in accordance with law. In so doing, the governing board may initiate and carry on any program or activity, or may otherwise act, in any manner that is not in conflict with, inconsistent with, or preempted by, any law, and that is not in conflict with the purposes for which community college districts are established.

(2) The governing board of each community college district shall establish rules and regulations not inconsistent with the regulations of the board of governors and the laws of this state for the government and operation of one or more community colleges in the district.

(b) In furtherance of subdivision (a), the governing board of each community college district shall do all of the following:

(1) Establish policies for, and approve, current and long-range academic and facilities plans and programs, and promote orderly growth and development of the community colleges within the district. In so doing, the governing board shall, as required by law, establish policies for, develop, and approve, comprehensive plans. The governing board shall submit the comprehensive plans to the board of governors for review and approval.

(2) (A) Establish policies for and approve credit courses of instruction and educational programs. The educational programs shall be submitted to the board of governors for approval. A credit course of instruction that is not offered in an approved educational program may be offered without the approval of the board of governors only under conditions authorized by regulations adopted by the board of governors.

(B) The governing board shall establish policies for, and approve, individual courses that are offered in approved educational programs, without referral to the board of governors.

(3) Establish academic standards, probation, dismissal, and readmission policies, and graduation requirements not inconsistent with the minimum standards adopted by the board of governors.

(4) Employ and assign all personnel not inconsistent with the minimum standards adopted by the board of governors, and establish employment practices, salaries, and benefits for all employees not inconsistent with the laws of this state.

(5) To the extent authorized by law, determine and control the district's operational and capital outlay budgets. The district governing board shall determine the need for elections for override tax levies and bond measures, and request that those elections be called.

(6) Manage and control district property. The governing board may contract for the procurement of goods and services as authorized by law.

(7) Establish procedures not inconsistent with minimum standards established by the board of governors to ensure faculty, staff, and students the opportunity to express their opinions at the campus

level, to ensure that these opinions are given every reasonable consideration, to ensure the right to participate effectively in district and college governance, and to ensure the right of academic senates to assume primary responsibility for making recommendations in the areas of curriculum and academic standards.

(8) Establish rules and regulations governing student conduct.

(9) Establish student fees as it is required to establish by law, and, in its discretion, fees as it is authorized to establish by law.

(10) In its discretion, receive and administer gifts, grants, and scholarships.

(11) Provide auxiliary services as deemed necessary to achieve the purposes of the community college.

(12) Within the framework provided by law, determine the district's academic calendar, including the holidays it will observe.

(13) Hold and convey property for the use and benefit of the district. The governing board may acquire, by eminent domain, any property necessary to carry out the powers or functions of the district.

(14) Participate in the consultation process established by the board of governors for the development and review of policy proposals.

(c) In carrying out the powers and duties specified in subdivision (b) or other provisions of statute, the governing board of each community college district shall have full authority to adopt rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the regulations of the board of governors and the laws of this state, that are necessary and proper to executing these prescribed functions.

(d) Wherever in this section or any other statute a power is vested in the governing board, the governing board of a community college district, by majority vote, may adopt a rule delegating the power to the district's chief executive officer or any other employee or committee as the governing board may designate. However, the governing board shall not delegate any power that is expressly made nondelegable by statute. Any rule delegating authority shall prescribe the limits of the delegation.

(e) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2014, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2014, deletes or extends that date.

EDUCATION CODE SECTIONS 76300

Enrollment Fee:

76300. (a) The governing board of each community college district shall charge each student a fee pursuant to this section.

(b) (1) The fee prescribed by this section shall be twenty-six dollars (\$26) per unit per semester, effective with the fall term of the 2004-05 academic year.

(2) The board of governors shall proportionately adjust the amount of the fee for term lengths based upon a quarter system, and also shall proportionately adjust the amount of the fee for summer sessions, intersessions, and other short-term courses. In making these adjustments, the board of governors may round the per unit fee and the per term or per session fee to the nearest dollar.

(c) For the purposes of computing apportionments to community college districts pursuant to Section 84750, the board of governors shall subtract,

from the total revenue owed to each district, 98 percent of the revenues received by districts from charging a fee pursuant to this section.

(d) The board of governors shall reduce apportionments by up to 10 percent to any district that does not collect the fees prescribed by this section.

(e) The fee requirement does not apply to any of the following:

(1) Students enrolled in the noncredit courses designated by Section 84757.

(2) California State University or University of California students enrolled in remedial classes provided by a community college district on a campus of the University of California or a campus of the California State University, for whom the district claims an attendance apportionment pursuant to an agreement between the district and the California State University or the University of California.

(3) Students enrolled in credit contract **education** courses pursuant to Section 78021, if the entire cost of the course, including administrative costs, is paid by the public or private agency, corporation, or association with which the district is contracting and if these students are not included in the calculation of the full-time equivalent students (FTES) of that district.

(f) The governing board of a community college district may exempt special part-time students admitted pursuant to Section 76001 from the fee requirement.

(g) (1) The fee requirements of this section shall be waived for any student who, at the time of enrollment, is a recipient of benefits under the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families program, the Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Program, or a general assistance program or has demonstrated financial need in accordance with the methodology set forth in federal law or regulation for determining the expected family contribution of students seeking financial aid.

(2) The governing board of a community college district also shall waive the fee requirements of this section for any student who demonstrates eligibility according to income standards established by regulations of the board of governors.

(3) Paragraphs (1) and (2) may be applied to a student enrolled in the 2005-06 academic year if the student is exempted from nonresident tuition under paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of Section 76140.

(h) The fee requirements of this section shall be waived for any student who, at the time of enrollment, is a dependent, or surviving spouse who has not remarried, of any member of the California National Guard who, in the line of duty and while in the active service of the state, was killed, died of a disability resulting from an event that occurred while in the active service of the state, or is permanently disabled as a result of an event that occurred while in the active service of the state. "Active service of the state," for the purposes of this subdivision, refers to a member of the California National Guard activated pursuant to Section 146 of the Military and Veterans **Code**.

(i) The fee requirements of this section shall be waived for any student who is the surviving spouse or the child, natural or adopted, of a deceased person who met all of the requirements of Section 68120.

(j) The fee requirements of this section shall be waived for any student in an undergraduate program, including a student who has previously graduated from another undergraduate or graduate program, who is the dependent of any individual killed in the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon or the crash of United Airlines Flight 93 in southwestern Pennsylvania, if that dependent meets the financial need requirements set forth in Section 69432.7 for the Cal Grant A Program and either of the following applies:

(1) The dependent was a resident of California on September 11, 2001.

(2) The individual killed in the attacks was a resident of California on September 11, 2001.

(k) A determination of whether a person is a resident of California on September 11, 2001, for purposes of subdivision (j) shall be based on the criteria set forth in Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 68000) of Part 41 for determining nonresident and resident tuition.

(1) (1) "Dependent," for purposes of subdivision (j), is a person who, because of his or her relationship to an individual killed as a result of injuries sustained during the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, qualifies for compensation under the federal September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001 (Title IV (commencing with Section 401) of Public Law 107-42).

(2) A dependent who is the surviving spouse of an individual killed in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, is entitled to the waivers provided in this section until January 1, 2013.

(3) A dependent who is the surviving child, natural or adopted, of an individual killed in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, is entitled to the waivers under subdivision (j) until that person attains the age of 30 years.

(4) A dependent of an individual killed in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, who is determined to be eligible by the California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board, is also entitled to the waivers provided in this section until January 1, 2013.

(m) (1) It is the intent of the Legislature that sufficient funds be provided to support the provision of a fee waiver for every student who demonstrates eligibility pursuant to subdivisions (g) to (j), inclusive.

(2) From funds provided in the annual Budget Act, the board of governors shall allocate to community college districts, pursuant to this subdivision, an amount equal to 2 percent of the fees waived pursuant to subdivisions (g) to (j), inclusive. From funds provided in the annual Budget Act, the board of governors shall allocate to community college districts, pursuant to this subdivision, an amount equal to ninety-one cents (\$0.91) per credit unit waived pursuant to subdivisions (g) to (j), inclusive, for determination of financial need and delivery of student financial aid services, on the basis of the number of students for whom fees are waived. Funds allocated to a community college district for determination of financial need and delivery of student financial aid services shall supplement, and shall not supplant, the level of funds allocated for the administration of student financial aid programs during the 1992 -93 fiscal year.

(n) The board of governors shall adopt regulations implementing this section.

EDUCATION CODE SECTION 76370

Auditing Fees:

76370. The governing board of a community college district may authorize a person to audit a community college course and may charge that person a fee pursuant to this section.

(a) If a fee for auditing is charged, it shall not exceed fifteen dollars (\$15) per unit per semester.

The governing board shall proportionately adjust the amount of the fee for term lengths based upon a quarter system or other alternative system approved pursuant to regulations of the board of governors, and shall also proportionately adjust the amount of the fee for summer sessions, intersessions, and other short-term courses.

In making these adjustments, the governing board may round the per unit fee and the per term or per session fee to the nearest dollar.

(b) Students enrolled in classes to receive credit for 10 or more semester credit units shall not be charged a fee to audit three or fewer semester units per semester.

(c) No student auditing a course shall be permitted to change his or her enrollment in that course to receive credit for the course.

(d) Priority in class enrollment shall be given to students desiring to take the course for credit towards a degree or certificate.

(e) Classroom attendance of students auditing a course shall not be included in computing the apportionment due a community college district.

EDUCATION CODE SECTION 76355

Health Fee:

76355. (a) (1) The governing board of a district maintaining a community college may require community college students to pay a fee in the total amount of not more than ten dollars (\$10) for each semester, seven dollars (\$7) for summer school, seven dollars (\$7) for each intersession of at least four weeks, or seven dollars (\$7) for each quarter for health supervision and services, including direct or indirect medical and hospitalization services, or the operation of a student health center or centers, or both.

(2) The governing board of each community college district may increase this fee by the same percentage increase as the Implicit Price Deflator for State and Local Government Purchase of Goods and Services. Whenever that calculation produces an increase of one dollar (\$1) above the existing fee, the fee may be increased by one dollar (\$1).

(b) If, pursuant to this section, a fee is required, the governing board of the district shall decide the amount of the fee, if any, that a part-time student is required to pay. The governing board may decide whether the fee shall be mandatory or optional.

(c) The governing board of a district maintaining a community college shall adopt rules and regulations that exempt the following students from any fee required pursuant to subdivision (a):

(1) Students who depend exclusively upon prayer for healing in accordance with the teachings of a bona fide religious sect, denomination, or organization.

(2) Students who are attending a community college under an approved apprenticeship training program.

(d) (1) All fees collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the fund of the district designated by the California Community Colleges Budget and Accounting Manual. These fees shall be expended only to provide health services as specified in regulations adopted by the board of governors.

(2) Authorized expenditures shall not include, among other things, athletic trainers' salaries, athletic insurance, medical supplies for athletics, physical examinations for intercollegiate athletics, ambulance services, the salaries of health professionals for athletic events, any deductible portion of accident claims filed for athletic team members, or any other expense that is not available to all students. No student shall be denied a service supported by student health fees on account of participation in athletic programs.

(e) Any community college district that provided health services in the 1986-87 fiscal year shall maintain health services, at the level provided during the 1986-87 fiscal year, and each fiscal year thereafter. If the cost

to maintain that level of service exceeds the limits specified in subdivision (a), the excess cost shall be borne by the district.

(f) A district that begins charging a health fee may use funds for startup costs from other district funds, and may recover all or part of those funds from health fees collected within the first five years following the commencement of charging the fee.

(g) The board of governors shall adopt regulations that generally describe the types of health services included in the health service program.

EDUCATION CODE SECTIONS 76360 & 76365

Parking Fee:

76360. (a) (1) The governing board of a community college district may require students in attendance and employees of the district to pay a fee, in an amount, not to exceed forty dollars (\$40) per semester and twenty dollars (\$20) per intersession, to be established by the board, for parking services. The fee shall only be required of students and employees using parking services and shall not exceed the actual cost of providing parking services.

(2) To encourage ridesharing and carpooling, for a student who certifies, in accordance with procedures established by the board, that he or she regularly has two or more passengers commuting to the community college with him or her in the vehicle parked at the community college, the fee shall not exceed thirty dollars (\$30) per semester and ten dollars (\$10) per intersession.

(b) (1) The governing board may require payment of a parking fee at a campus in excess of the limits set forth in subdivision (a) for the purpose of funding the construction of on-campus parking facilities if both of the following conditions exist at the campus:

(A) The full-time equivalent (FTES) per parking space on the campus exceeds the statewide average FTES per parking space on community college campuses.

(B) The market price per square foot of land adjacent to the campus exceeds the statewide average market price per square foot of land adjacent to community college campuses.

(2) If the governing board requires payment of a parking fee in excess of the limits set forth in subdivision (a), the fee may not exceed the actual cost of constructing a parking structure.

(c) Students who receive financial assistance pursuant to any programs described in subdivision (g) of Section 76300 shall be exempt from parking fees imposed pursuant to this section that exceed twenty dollars (\$20) per semester.

(d) The governing board of a community college district may also require the payment of a fee, to be established by the governing board, for the use of parking services by persons other than students and employees.

(e) All parking fees collected shall be deposited in the designated fund of the district in accordance with the California Community Colleges Budget and Accounting Manual, and shall be expended only for parking services or for purposes of reducing the costs to students and employees of the college of using public transportation to and from the college.

(f) Fees collected for use of parking services provided for by investment of student body funds under the authority of Section 76064 shall be deposited in a designated fund in accordance with the California Community Colleges Budget and Accounting Manual for repayment to the student organization.

(g) "Parking services," as used in this section, means the purchase, construction, and operation and maintenance of parking facilities for

vehicles and motor vehicles as defined by Sections 415 and 670 of the Vehicle Code.

Instructional materials:

Education Code 76365. The board of governors shall adopt regulations regarding the authority of community college districts to require students to provide various types of instructional materials. These regulations shall reflect the intent of the Legislature that community college districts are not required to provide all materials, textbooks, equipment, and clothing necessary for each course and program. These regulations shall specify the conditions under which districts may require students to provide those materials that are of continuing value to the student outside of the classroom setting, including, but not limited to, textbooks, tools, equipment, clothing, and those materials that are necessary for the student's vocational training and employment. The regulations shall establish a process for monitoring district compliance with these regulations.

Cal. Admin. Code tit. 5, s 59400

TITLE 5. EDUCATION
DIVISION 6. CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES
CHAPTER 10. COMMUNITY COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION
SUBCHAPTER 7. INSTRUCTIONAL AND OTHER MATERIALS

s 59400. Required Instructional and Other Materials.

(a) The governing board of a district may, consistent with the provisions of this Subchapter, require students to provide instructional and other materials required for a credit or noncredit course, provided that such materials are of continuing value to a student outside of the classroom setting, and provided that such materials are not solely or exclusively available from the district.

(b) Except as specifically authorized or required in the Education Code, the governing board of a community college district shall not require a student to pay a fee for any instructional and other materials required for a credit or noncredit course.

Cal. Admin. Code tit. 5, s 59402

TITLE 5. EDUCATION
DIVISION 6. CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES
CHAPTER 10. COMMUNITY COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION
SUBCHAPTER 7. INSTRUCTIONAL AND OTHER MATERIALS

s 59402. Definitions.

For the purposes of this Subchapter the following definitions apply:

(a) "Instructional and other materials" means any tangible personal property which is owned or primarily controlled by an individual student.

(b) "Required instructional and other materials" means any instructional and other materials which a student must procure or possess as a condition of registration, enrollment or entry into a class; or any such material which is necessary to achieve those required objectives of a course which are to be accomplished under the supervision of an instructor during class hours.

(c) "Solely or exclusively available from the district" means that the material is not available except through the district, or that the district requires that the material be purchased or procured from it. A material shall not be considered to be solely or exclusively available from the district if it is provided to the student at the district's actual cost and:

(1) the material is otherwise generally available, but is provided solely or exclusively by the district for health and safety reasons; or

(2) the material is provided in lieu of other generally available but more expensive material which would otherwise be required.

(d) "Required instructional and other materials which are of continuing value outside of the classroom setting" are materials which can be taken from the classroom setting, and which are not wholly consumed, used up, or rendered valueless as they are applied in achieving the required objectives of a course which are to be accomplished under the supervision of an instructor during class hours.

Cal. Admin. Code tit. 5, s 59404

TITLE 5. EDUCATION DIVISION 6. CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES CHAPTER 10. COMMUNITY COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION SUBCHAPTER 7. INSTRUCTIONAL AND OTHER MATERIALS

s 59404. District Policies and Regulations for Instructional and Other Materials.

(a) The governing board of a community college district which requires that students provide instructional or other materials for a course shall adopt policies or regulations, consistent with the provisions of this Subchapter, which specify the conditions under which such materials will be required.

(b) The policies or regulations specified in Subsection (a) shall be adopted no later than January 1, 1986, forwarded to the Chancellor's Office upon adoption, and thereafter published in each college catalog developed after the date of adoption.

Cal. Admin. Code tit. 5, s 59406

TITLE 5. EDUCATION DIVISION 6. CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES CHAPTER 10. COMMUNITY COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION SUBCHAPTER 7. INSTRUCTIONAL AND OTHER MATERIALS

s 59406. Report to Chancellor.

The governing board of a community college district which prescribes required instructional and other materials for its courses shall respond to periodic surveys or inquiries of the Chancellor on the subject.

Physical Education Facilities:

Education Code 76395. The governing board of a community college district may impose a fee on a participating student for the additional expenses incurred when physical **education** courses are required to use nondistrict facilities.

Student Representation Fee:

Education Code 76060.5. If a student body association has been established at a community college as authorized by Section **76060**, the governing body of the association may order that an election be held for the purpose of establishing a student representation fee of one dollar (\$1) per semester. The election shall be held in compliance with regulations of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges and shall be open to all regularly enrolled students of the community college. The affirmative vote of two-thirds of the students voting in the election shall be sufficient to establish the fee. However, the election shall not be sufficient to establish the fee unless the number of students who vote in the election equals or exceeds the average of the number of students who voted in the previous three student body association elections.

The student representation fee authorized by this section shall be collected by the officials of the community college, together with all other fees, at the time of registration or before registration and shall be deposited in a separate fiduciary fund established per the California Community Colleges Budget and Accounting Manual for student representation fees. The money collected pursuant to this section shall be expended to provide for the support of governmental affairs representatives who may be stating their positions and viewpoints before city, county, and district governments, and before offices and agencies of the state government. The chief fiscal officer of the community college shall have custody of the money collected pursuant to this section and the money shall be disbursed for the purposes described above upon the order of the governing body of the student body association. The district may retain a portion of the fees collected and deposited pursuant to this section that is equal to the actual cost of administering these fees up to, but not more than, 7 percent.

The student representation fee authorized by this section may be terminated by a majority vote of the students voting in an election held for that purpose. The election shall be called and held in compliance with regulations of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges and shall be open to all regularly enrolled students of the community college.

A student may, for religious, political, financial, or moral reasons, refuse to pay the student representation fee established under this section. The refusal shall be submitted in writing to the college officials at the time the student pays other fees collected by the college officials. The refusal shall be submitted on the same form that is used for collection of fees as provided by the college, which, as determined by the college, shall be as nearly as practical in the same form as a model form prescribed by regulations of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges.

Student Transportation Costs:

Education Code 76361. (a) The governing board of a community college district may require students in attendance and employees at a campus of the district to pay a fee for purposes of partially or fully recovering transportation costs incurred by the district or of reducing fares for services provided by common carriers or municipally owned transit systems to these students and employees.

(b) Fees authorized by subdivision (a) for transportation services may be required to be paid only by students and employees using the services, or, in the alternative, by either of the following groups of people:

(1) Upon the favorable vote of a majority of the students and a majority of the employees of a campus of the district, who voted at an election on the question of whether or not the governing board should require all students and employees at the campus to pay a fee for transportation services for a period of time to be determined by the governing board of the district, the fees may be required to be paid by all students and all employees of the campus of the community college district.

(2) Upon the favorable vote of a majority of the students at a campus of the district, who voted at an election on the question of whether or not the governing board should require all students to pay a fee for transportation services for a period of time to be determined by the governing board of the district, the fees may be required to be paid by all students at the campus of the community college district. However, the employees shall not be entitled to use the services.

(c) If, pursuant to this section, a fee is required of students for transportation services, any fee required of a part-time student shall be a pro rata lesser amount than the fee charged to full-time students, depending on the number of units for which the part-time student is enrolled. In addition, a governing board maintaining transportation services shall adopt rules and regulations governing the exemption of low-income students from required fees, and may adopt rules and regulations that provide for the exemption of others.

(d) The total fees to be established periodically by the governing board pursuant to this section shall not exceed the amount necessary to reimburse the district for transportation costs incurred by the district in providing the transportation service. The sum of the fee authorized pursuant to this section for transportation services and the fee authorized pursuant to Section 76360 for parking services shall not exceed sixty dollars (\$60) per semester or thirty dollars (\$30) per intersession, or the proportionate equivalent for part-time enrollment.

(e) The governing board of a community college district also may require the payment of a fee, to be fixed by the governing board, for the use of transportation services by persons other than students and employees.

(f) This section does not apply to, and no fee shall be charged for, on-campus shuttles or other transportation services operated on a campus or between the campus and parking facilities owned by the district.

Transcript Fees:

Education Code 76223. Any community college may make a reasonable charge in an amount not to exceed the actual cost of furnishing copies of any student record; provided, however, that no charge shall be made for furnishing (1) up to two transcripts of students' records or (2) up to two verifications of various records of students. No charge may be made to search for or to retrieve any student record.

International Students Application Processing Fee:

Education Code 76142. (a) A community college district may charge nonresident applicants who are both citizens and residents of a foreign country a processing fee not to exceed the lesser of: (1) the actual cost of processing an application and other documentation required by the federal government, or (2) one hundred dollars (\$100), which may be deducted from the tuition fee at the time of enrollment.

(b) No processing fee shall be charged to an applicant who would be eligible for an exemption from nonresident tuition pursuant to Section 76140 or who can demonstrate economic hardship. For purposes of this section, the governing board of each community college district that chooses to impose the fee authorized by this section shall adopt a definition of economic hardship that includes the financial circumstances of a person who is a victim of persecution or discrimination in the foreign country in which the applicant is a citizen and resident, or who is a recipient of benefits under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program described in Parts A and F of Title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Secs. 601 et seq.), the Supplemental Income/State Supplementary Program, or a general assistance program.

CIVIL CODE SECTION 1719

DIVISION 3. OBLIGATIONS [1427. - 3272.9.]

(Heading of Division 3 amended by Stats. 1988, Ch. 160, Sec. 14.)

PART 3. OBLIGATIONS IMPOSED BY LAW [1708. - 1725.]

(Part 3 enacted 1872.)

1719.

(a) (1) Notwithstanding any penal sanctions that may apply, any person who passes a check on insufficient funds shall be liable to the payee for the amount of the check and a service charge payable to the payee for an amount not to exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25) for the first check passed on insufficient funds and an amount not to exceed thirty-five dollars (\$35) for each subsequent check to that payee passed on insufficient funds.

(2) Notwithstanding any penal sanctions that may apply, any person who passes a check on insufficient funds shall be liable to the payee for damages equal to treble the amount of the check if a written demand for payment is mailed by certified mail to the person who had passed a check on insufficient funds and the written demand informs this person of (A) the provisions of this section, (B) the amount of the check, and (C) the amount of the service charge payable to the payee. The person who had passed a check on insufficient funds shall have 30 days from the date the written demand was mailed to pay the amount of the check, the amount of the service charge payable to the payee, and the costs to mail the written demand for payment. If this person fails to pay in full the amount of the check, the service charge payable to the payee, and the costs to mail the written demand within this period, this person shall then be liable instead for the amount of the check, minus any partial payments made toward the amount of the check or the service charge within 30 days of the written demand, and damages equal to treble that amount, which shall not be less than one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500). When a person becomes liable for treble damages for a check that is the subject of a written demand, that person shall no

longer be liable for any service charge for that check and any costs to mail the written demand.

(3) Notwithstanding paragraphs (1) and (2), a person shall not be liable for the service charge, costs to mail the written demand, or treble damages if he or she stops payment in order to resolve a good faith dispute with the payee. The payee is entitled to the service charge, costs to mail the written demand, or treble damages only upon proving by clear and convincing evidence that there was no good faith dispute, as defined in subdivision (b).

(4) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), a person shall not be liable under that paragraph for the service charge if, at any time, he or she presents the payee with written confirmation by his or her financial institution that the check was returned to the payee by the financial institution due to an error on the part of the financial institution.

(5) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), a person shall not be liable under that paragraph for the service charge if the person presents the payee with written confirmation that his or her account had insufficient funds as a result of a delay in the regularly scheduled transfer of, or the posting of, a direct deposit of a social security or government benefit assistance payment.

(6) As used in this subdivision, to "pass a check on insufficient funds" means to make, utter, draw, or deliver any check, draft, or order for the payment of money upon any bank, depository, person, firm, or corporation that refuses to honor the check, draft, or order for any of the following reasons:

(A) Lack of funds or credit in the account to pay the check.

(B) The person who wrote the check does not have an account with the drawee.

(C) The person who wrote the check instructed the drawee to stop payment on the check.

(b) For purposes of this section, in the case of a stop payment, the existence of a "good faith dispute" shall be determined by the trier of fact. A "good faith dispute" is one in which the court finds that the drawer had a reasonable belief of his or her legal entitlement to withhold payment. Grounds for the entitlement include, but are not limited to, the following: services were not rendered, goods were not delivered, goods or services purchased are faulty, not as promised, or otherwise unsatisfactory, or there was an overcharge.

(c) In the case of a stop payment, the notice to the drawer required by this section shall be in substantially the following form:

NOTICE
To: (name of drawer)

(name of payee) is the payee of a check you wrote
for \$ (amount). The check was not paid because

you stopped payment, and the payee demands payment. You may have a good faith dispute as to whether you owe the full amount. If you do not have a good faith dispute with the payee and fail to pay the payee the full amount of the check in cash, a service charge of an amount not to exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25) for the first check passed on insufficient funds and an amount not to exceed thirty-five dollars (\$35) for each subsequent check passed on insufficient funds, and the costs to mail this notice within 30 days after this notice was mailed, you could be sued and held responsible to pay at least both of the following:

(1) The amount of the check.

(2) Damages of at least one hundred dollars (\$100) or, if higher, three times the amount of the check up to one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500).

If the court determines that you do have a good faith dispute with the payee, you will not have to pay the service charge, treble damages, or mailing cost. If you stopped payment because you have a good faith dispute with the payee, you should try to work out your dispute with the payee. You can contact the payee at:

_____ (name of payee) _____

_____ (street address) _____

_____ (telephone number) _____

You may wish to contact a lawyer to discuss your legal rights and responsibilities.

(name of sender of notice)

(d) In the case of a stop payment, a court may not award damages or costs under this section unless the court receives into evidence a copy of the written demand that, in that case, shall have been sent to the drawer and a signed certified mail receipt showing delivery, or attempted delivery if refused, of the written demand to the drawer's last known address.

(e) A cause of action under this section may be brought in small claims court by the original payee, if it does not exceed the jurisdiction of that court, or in any other appropriate court. The payee shall, in order to recover damages because the drawer instructed the drawee to stop payment, show to the satisfaction of the trier of fact that there was a reasonable effort on the part of the payee to reconcile and resolve the dispute prior to pursuing the dispute through the courts.

(f) A cause of action under this section may be brought by a holder of the check or an assignee of the payee. A proceeding under this section is a limited civil case. However, if the assignee is acting on behalf of the payee, for a flat fee or a percentage fee, the assignee may not charge the payee a greater flat fee or percentage fee for that portion of the amount collected that represents treble damages than is charged the payee for collecting the face amount of the check, draft, or order. This subdivision shall not apply to an action brought in small claims court.

(g) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), if the payee is the court, the written demand for payment described in subdivision (a) may be mailed to the drawer by the court clerk. Notwithstanding subdivision (d), in the case of a stop payment where the demand is mailed by the court clerk, a court may not award damages or costs pursuant to subdivision (d), unless the court receives into evidence a copy of the written demand, and a certificate of mailing by the court clerk in the form provided for in subdivision (4) of Section 1013a of the Code of Civil Procedure for service in civil actions. For purposes of this subdivision, in courts where a single court clerk serves more than one court, the clerk shall be deemed the court clerk of each court.

(h) The requirements of this section in regard to remedies are mandatory upon a court.

(i) The assignee of the payee or a holder of the check may demand, recover, or enforce the service charge, damages, and costs specified in this section to the same extent as the original payee.

(j) (1) A drawer is liable for damages and costs only if all of the requirements of this section have been satisfied.

(2) The drawer shall in no event be liable more than once under this section on each check for a service charge, damages, or costs.

(k) Nothing in this section is intended to condition, curtail, or otherwise prejudice the rights, claims, remedies, and defenses under Division 3 (commencing with Section 3101) of the Commercial Code of a drawer, payee, assignee, or holder, including a holder in due course as defined in Section 3302 of the Commercial Code, in connection with the enforcement of this section.

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