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Faculty Association of California Community Colleges (FACCC) Reacts to Governor Brown Signing California DREAM Act

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – Upon the announcement that Governor [Jerry Brown](#) has signed into law FACCC supported AB 130 (Cedillo), a component of The California DREAM Act, FACCC President [Dennis Frisch](#) commented, “The Governor’s action will broaden access to higher education for those who could not otherwise afford it. The California Community Colleges will be the entry point for many of these students who are seeking degrees, certificates, and workforce training.”

Governor Brown signed the bill at Los Angeles City College, where he was joined by Assemblyman [Gilbert Cedillo](#) (D-Los Angeles), students, and faculty leaders.

The measure will allow specified undocumented students who are currently eligible for in-state fees (known as AB 540 students) to compete for private financial aid, which they are currently restricted from accessing. FACCC Past President [John McDowell](#) asserts, “The DREAM Act will restore hard work and ability as the tools students need for educational success to help them achieve the American Dream.”

The DREAM Act has long been a legislative priority of FACCC as it allows those students with a proven desire to attend college in California the opportunity to apply for and utilize financial aid. FACCC Executive Director [Jonathan Lightman](#) added, "FACCC hopes that the passage of the California DREAM Act will inspire congressional leaders to pass the federal DREAM Act."

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