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FACCC-SPONSORED AB 2370 IS APPROVED BY THE LEGISLATURE

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The Faculty Association of California Community Colleges (FACCC) has issued the following statement on the Legislature passing sponsored AB 2370.

“Assembly Bill 2370, sponsored by FACCC and authored by Assemblymember Sabrina Cervantes (D-Riverside) was approved today by the California State Legislature, sending the legislation to Governor Gavin Newsom's desk for signature. The bill establishes that the instructor of record for community college courses must meet the minimum qualifications set by the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges to serve as faculty, ensuring students are taught by qualified human instructors rather than artificial intelligence (AI).

As AI grows increasingly capable in academic settings, many community college faculty have raised concerns about the potential displacement of human instructors. AB 2370 ensures that a human being serves as the instructor, while still permitting AI's use as a supplementary tool.

In response to the bill moving forward, Assemblymember Cervantes said, "I want to thank the Faculty Association of California Community Colleges (FACCC) for working with me on this bill and continuing to advocate for our hardworking and irreplaceable community college faculty... While there is room for artificial intelligence to contribute to community college classrooms, human faculty remain best suited to teach our students. Assembly Bill 2370 will help provide guardrails on the integration of AI in classrooms while ensuring that our community college students are taught by human faculty.”

Wendy Brill-Wynkoop, President of FACCC, said "FACCC applauds Assemblymember Cervantes for her commitment to faculty throughout the state. As educators continue to explore the benefits of artificial intelligence, AB 2370 provides reasonable safeguards against the displacement of faculty from our classrooms and ensures students will always have access to qualified instructors.” We are grateful for Assemblymember Cervantes’ leadership, the support of the Legislature, and call on Governor Newsom to sign this important bill into law."

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