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Governor Newsom signs AB 1400

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Sacramento, Calif., October 2, 2023 – This past weekend, the Commission was grateful to see the signing of **Assembly Bill 1400 (Bryan)** by Governor Newsom.

AB 1400, by Assemblymember Isaac Bryan, will support California Community College (CCC) transfer students attend a Historically Black College or University (HBCU) by providing a one-time grant of up to \$5000. The grant utilizes funds generated by the College Access Tax Credit (CATC), which allows taxpayers to make charitable contributions to provide additional financial aid. In recent years, due to federal tax changes, the Commission witnessed a significant decrease in revenue brought in by the CATC. AB 1400 strategically repurposes the funds in order to provide more meaningful and impactful support to California's students looking to transfer to an HBCU.

"We thank the Legislature and Governor for their support on this crucial bill," said **Marlene Garcia, Executive Director of the California Student Aid Commission**. "Currently, California does not have any HBCUs, so students who seek the unique experience of an HBCU must go out of state and forgo any state-based financial aid. AB 1400 creatively redirects funds to provide support to California's students looking to transfer to an HBCU and bring their talents back to California."

The Commission is thankful for Governor Newsom's commitment to college affordability, and we believe AB 1400 will create a California-to HBCU-to California pipeline that would benefit not only our students, but the entire state. The Commission also thanks Assemblymember Bryan for his dedication

to students and college affordability. The Commission looks forward to working with the CCC Chancellor's Office to serve our students and making sure postsecondary education is affordable for all.