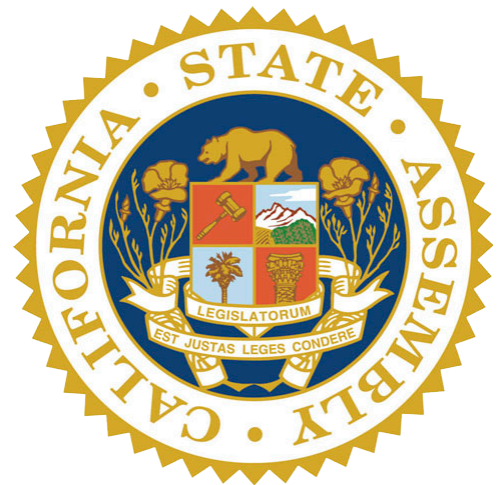


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Requires the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to develop and facilitate a training for basic needs directors and coordinators from campuses of the California Community Colleges, the California State University, and the University of California and requires CDSS to convene a working group to identify and address barriers to student enrollment in social services offered by county health and human service agencies. The working group will produce a report of its findings to Legislature every three years, beginning on May 1, 2027.

Status: Chapter 607, Statutes of 2025

[AB-88 \(Ta\) - Student financial aid: Cal Grants: Middle Class Scholarship Program: eligibility: dependents of members of the armed services stationed outside of California.](#)

Extends eligibility for the Cal Grant and Middle Class Scholarship (MCS) Program to dependents of a member of the United States (US) Armed Forces who maintains California as their state of legal residence even if the dependent member did not graduate from a California high school and who otherwise meets all other applicable eligibility requirements.

Status: Chapter 608, Statutes of 2025

[AB-243 \(Ahrens\) - Postsecondary education: student financial aid dependency status: juvenile case file inspection.](#)

Authorizes inspection of a juvenile case file by personnel at institutions of higher education to facilitate the minor's attendance at the institution and personnel of organizations providing higher education funding to facilitate the funding of the minor's attendance at the institution of higher education, as specified. Requires all information received by the personnel to be confidential and used for certain limited purposes, and would make an intentional violation of this confidentiality provision a misdemeanor.

Status: Chapter 610, Statutes of 2025

[AB-313 \(Ortega\) - Student financial aid: application deadlines: extension.](#)

Allows the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) to extend by 30 calendar days the application deadline for any financial aid program administered by CSAC, if CSAC determines that a delay in the opening of the Federal Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) has occurred.

Status: Chapter 31, Statutes of 2025

AB-323 (Fong) - Strong Workforce Program: work-based learning opportunities.

This bill authorizes community college districts to use Strong Workforce Program funds apportioned directly to them to support paid work-based learning opportunities for students and employers, and requires the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office to revise related policies and guidance by June 30, 2026.

Status: Chapter 255, Statutes of 2025

AB-341 (Arambula) - Oral Health for People with Disabilities Technical Assistance Center Program.

Requires, subject to an appropriation by the Legislature, the Department of State Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to contract with a public or private California dental school or college to administer the Oral Health for People with Disabilities Technical Assistance Center Program to improve dental care services for people with developmental and intellectual disabilities by reducing or eliminating the need for dental treatment using sedation and general anesthesia.

Status: Chapter 612, Statutes of 2025

AB-466 (Solache) - Public postsecondary education: student orientation: Donate Life California.

Requires each campus of the California Community Colleges and the California State University, and requests the University of California to provide students with educational information on "Donate Life California" and "Donate Life California Organ and Tissue Donor Registry."

Status: Chapter 60, Statutes of 2025

AB-587 (Davies) - Student Aid Commission: membership.

Recasts the public membership of the California Student Aid Commission to require one of the three public members to have knowledge, expertise, or experience in accessing the educational benefits available to veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States.

Status: Chapter 561, Statutes of 2025

AB-602 (Haney) - Public postsecondary education: student conduct: controlled substances.

Establishes an amnesty policy from specified disciplinary sanctions, if specific conditions are met, for students who seek medical attention for a drug overdose at the California State University and the University of California.

Status: Chapter 159, Statutes of 2025

AB-648 (Zbur) - Community colleges: housing: local zoning regulations: exemption.

Exempts community college districts (CCDs) from complying with local zoning ordinances for university housing development projects that are constructed on property owned or leased by the CCD, provided certain conditions are met. Stipulates that if the project includes housing units for faculty or staff, a portion of those units be made available at affordable rent levels to extremely low income and lower income faculty and staff.

Status: Chapter 378, Statutes of 2025

AB-662 (Alvarez) - Postsecondary education: intersegmental institution of higher education in the City of Chula Vista: South County Higher Education Planning Task Force.

Establishes, until January 1, 2031, the South County Higher Education Planning Task Force for the purposes of evaluating the feasibility of establishing a mixed-use intersegmental educational facility in the City of Chula Vista, with participation from the University of California, California State University and the California Community College system.

Status: Chapter 700, Statutes of 2025

AB-681 (Elhawary) - California DREAM Loan Program: limits.

Increases the amount a graduate student may borrow under the California DREAM Loan Program in a single academic year, in the aggregate, and establishes an overall borrowing limit in the aggregate for both undergraduate and graduate programs.

Status: Chapter 702, Statutes of 2025

AB-977 (Ramos) - California Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 2001: California State University: burial sites: human remains.

Requires, in alignment with the federal and state Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the California State University (CSU), in consultation with California Indian tribes, to develop a policy for the reburial of Native American human remains repatriated by the CSU on land it owns.

Status: Chapter 131, Statutes of 2025

AB-1028 (Fong) - Community colleges: temporary employees.

Requires, if a governing board of a community college district decides to terminate a part-time faculty, the governing board to comply with the procedures for termination as delineated in the community college's collective bargaining agreement with part-time faculty.

Status: Chapter 288, Statutes of 2025

AB-1098 (Fong) - Postsecondary education: undergraduate and graduate students: pregnancy or pregnancy-related issues.

Establishes the California Education Interagency Council (Council) within the Government Operations Agency (GovOps) to align education and workforce systems, support adult skill development, and address the changing nature of work and the economy. The Council would adopt strategic and workforce plans, issue recommendations to the Governor and Legislature, and create a faculty and employer advisory committee. The bill also creates the Office of the California Education Interagency Council (managing entity) as a neutral administrative body.

Status: Chapter 446, Statutes of 2025

AB-1155 (Fong) - Law schools: externships: compensation.

Requires, beginning on or after August 1, 2026, each law school, defined to include American Bar Association-accredited or California-accredited law schools at the University of California or an independent institution of higher education, to allow law students to receive compensation from an externship site, as defined, while concurrently earning academic course credit.

Status: Chapter 292, Statutes of 2025

SB-67 (Seyarto) - Student financial aid: Cal Grants: Middle Class Scholarship Program: eligibility: dependents of members of the armed services stationed outside of California.

Extends eligibility for the Cal Grant and Middle Class Scholarship (MCS) Program to dependents of a member of the United States (US) Armed Forces who maintains California as their state of legal residence even if the dependent member did not graduate from a California high school and who otherwise meets all other applicable eligibility requirements.

Status: Chapter 648, Statutes of 2025

SB-98 (Pérez) - Elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education: immigration enforcement: notification.

An urgency measure, requires the governing boards of school districts and county offices of education, and the governing boards of charter schools, to include procedures for notifying parents and school staff when immigration enforcement is confirmed on the school site within the school safety plan. It further requires the California State University, each California Community College District, and each Cal Grant qualifying independent institution of higher education and requests the University of California

Regents to issue a notification to specified individuals when the presence of immigration enforcement is confirmed on their respective campuses or schoolsites.

Status: Chapter 124, Statutes of 2025

SB-241 (Cervantes) - Community colleges: personnel: qualifications.

Clarifies a California Community College is only permitted to hire a person who meets the minimum qualifications for specific positions at the college.

Status: Chapter 214, Statutes of 2025

SB-271 (Reyes) - Public postsecondary education: students with dependent children: childcare services, resources, and programs.

Requires each California State University and California Community College and requests each University of California financial aid office, childcare development center, and basic needs center to refer their respective students with dependent children to local resource and referral agencies, and each other for purposes of connecting and informing students of existing childcare services and resources.

Status: Chapter 600, Statutes of 2025

SB-307 (Cervantes) - Public postsecondary education: immigration enforcement.

Requires the California State University Trustees and requests the University of California Regents to implement additional precautionary measures including, in part, requiring adoption of a systemwide policy on course grades, administrative withdrawal, and reenrollment for undocumented students unable to attend their courses due to immigration enforcement activity.

Status: Chapter 688, Statutes of 2025

SB-391 (Laird) - Community colleges: Chancellor of the California Community Colleges: data request fee policy.

Permits the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to charge a data fee upon researchers seeking to access data housed at the Chancellor's Office.

Status: Chapter 753, Statutes of 2025

SB-437 (Weber Pierson) - California State University: claim eligibility: genealogy and descendency.

Authorizes up to \$6 million of funds appropriated in the 2025 Budget Act for purposes of enabling the California State University (CSU) to explore options to determine how to confirm an individual's status as a descendant of an enslaved person. It also requires that the CSU annually submit a report to the Legislature and Governor on pending and

completed research projects along with a final report that includes recommendations for statewide implementation.

Status: Chapter 755, Statutes of 2025

SB-520 (Caballero) - Nurse-midwifery education program.

Creates the California Nurse-Midwifery Education (CNME) Fund in the Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI) for the purpose of establishing California-based, master's level nurse-midwifery education programs. Requires HCAI to administer the fund, which will receive money from the General Fund (GF) upon appropriation.

Status: Chapter 601, Statutes of 2025

SB-619 (Committee on Education) – Public postsecondary education.

Makes non-controversial, technical and conforming changes to various provisions of the Education Code.

Status: Chapter 74, Statutes of 2025

SB-638 (Padilla) - California Education and Workforce Development Coordinating Entity: California Career Technical Education Incentive Grant Program.

Revises the California Career Technical Education Incentive Grant Program and establishes a new statewide coordinating entity, the California Education Interagency Council, to strengthen alignment of career technical education and workforce development efforts.

Status: Chapter 457, Statutes of 2025

SB-640 (Cabaldon) - Public postsecondary education: admission, transfer, and enrollment.

Establishes the California State University (CSU) direct admission program between participating CSU campuses and local educational agencies, and it further requires the California Community Colleges to promote the CSU dual admission transfer program.

Status: Chapter 421, Statutes of 2025

SB-670 (Cervantes) - Adult Education Program: immigrant integration.

Updates the definition of immigrant integration for purposes of Adult Education Programs in California.

Status: Chapter 779, Statutes of 2025

SB-744 (Cabaldon) - Accrediting agencies.

Provides that, for purposes of any code or statute, recognition of national or regional accreditation by the United States Department of Education (USDE) as of January 1,

2025, is retained until July 1, 2029 for an accrediting agency that continues to operate in substantially the same manner as it did on January 1, 2025.

Status: Chapter 425, Statutes of 2025

[SJR-4 \(Laird\) - Research and education: federal funding cuts: the National Institutes of Health and postsecondary educational institutions.](#)

Urges the administration of President Donald J. Trump and the Congress of the United States to rescind funding cuts to the National Institutes of Health and affirms the Legislature's commitment to protecting postsecondary educational institutions in California.

Status: Chapter 173, Statutes of 2025

Vetoed

AB-7 (Bryan) - Postsecondary education: admissions preference: descendants of slavery.

States that the California State University, the University of California, independent institutions of higher education, and private postsecondary educational institutions may consider providing a preference in admissions to an applicant who is a descendant of slavery, as defined, to the extent it does not conflict with federal law.

Veto Message: *This bill clarifies, to the extent permitted by federal law, that California public and private postsecondary educational institutions may consider providing a preference in admissions to an applicant who is a descendant of slavery.*

I thank the author for his deep commitment to addressing disparities in education stemming from the legacy of slavery. These institutions already have the authority to determine whether to provide admissions preferences like this one, and accordingly, this bill is unnecessary. I encourage the institutions referenced in this bill to review and determine how, when, and if this type of preference can be adopted.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

AB-374 (Nguyen) - K-14 classified employees: payment of wages: itemized statements.

Requires, similar to the Labor Code, as applicable to private sector employers, public school employers, as defined, to provide classified school employees certain information regarding their wages at the time of each payment, and as a detachable part of the check, among other provisions.

Veto Message: *This bill would establish a pilot program available until January 1, 2028, for the purpose of expanding Cal Grant C eligibility to students participating in entry-level truck driving programs that meet specific requirements. This bill also requires the California Student Aid Commission, in consultation with the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education, to submit a report to the Legislature, by April 1, 2027, about the pilot program.*

I thank the author for his commitment to address the driver shortage in the trucking industry. However, this bill results in significant General Fund cost pressures and staff workload that are not currently part of the state's fiscal plan and are more appropriately addressed in the annual budget process.

In partnership with the Legislature, we enacted a budget that closed a shortfall of more than \$30 billion through balanced solutions that avoided deep program cuts and protected education, health care, climate, public safety, and social service programs that

are relied on by millions of Californians. This year, however, the Legislature sent me bills outside of this budget process that, if all enacted, would add nearly \$19 billion of unaccounted costs in the budget, of which \$11 billion would be ongoing.

With our state facing continuing economic risk and revenue uncertainty, it is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications, such as this measure.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

[AB-695 \(Fong\) - California Community Colleges Access and Continuity for Deported Students Act.](#)

Provides an exemption until January 1, 2030, from nonresident tuition for community college students who were deported on or after January 1, 2025, and later reenroll in either an online or in-person community college program if the student was previously enrolled and was not paying nonresident tuition at the time of their departure. Additionally, this bill, an urgency measure, requires the student to provide an attestation with information on the conditions of their departure.

Veto message: *This bill provides an exemption until January 1, 2030, from nonresident tuition for community college students who were deported on or after the specified date and later reenroll in either an online or in-person community college program, if the student was previously enrolled and was not paying nonresident tuition at the time of their departure.*

I thank the author for his commitment to providing hope to students harmed by the Trump Administration's indiscriminate attack on our immigrant communities. I am proud of the actions and laws that we have adopted in this state to protect, educate, and recognize the value that our immigrant students and their families bring to California. Unfortunately, as drafted, this proposal only benefits immigrant students who voluntarily or involuntarily depart the U.S and thus the state, and not also residents of other states, raising significant constitutional concerns.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

[AB-1400 \(Soria\) - Community colleges: Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program.](#)

Requires the California Community College Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) to develop a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing (BSN) Pilot Program that authorizes select community college districts (CCD) to offer a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree. The bill

would limit the pilot program to 10 CCDs statewide and would require the CCCCCO to identify and select eligible community college districts based on specified criteria.

Veto message: *This bill requires the California Community College (CCC) Chancellor's Office to establish a Community College Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program that would authorize 10 community college districts to offer a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree. Last year, I vetoed a nearly identical bill, citing two primary reasons that continue to persist.*

First, the 2024 Budget Agreement included \$60 million per year, from 2025-26 to 2028-29, for the Rebuilding Nursing Infrastructure Grant Program, which may be used to develop or expand BSN partnerships with UC, CSU, and independent nonprofit higher education institutions. These partnerships have proven successful in expanding BSN access for community college students and increasing the number of BSN degree recipients. All segments of higher education must continue to collaborate on building these programs, and returning this bill will ensure those collaborative efforts are not undermined.

Second, in recent years, both the CCC and the CSU have been authorized to offer independent programs outside of their traditional roles, provided they do not duplicate degree offerings of other public segments. I encourage the CCC system to focus on implementing this expanded authority and to ensure that it can continue to make progress on the unique and vital role the CCC plays in serving its students and the state. Given these significant changes, a pause should be maintained to understand their full impact before additional authorities are granted.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

[SB-761 \(Ashby\) - CalFresh: student eligibility.](#)

Expands the definition of a state-approved local educational program that increases employability to include any program offered by a California Community College, California State University, or University of California; and, establishes a data-sharing and consent requirement for the sharing of student information from the California Student Aid Commission to the California Department of Social Services for CalFresh outreach to students.

Veto message: *This bill requires the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) to amend*

its Grant Delivery System to ensure students who may be eligible for CalFresh are identified. The bill also requires data-sharing agreements between CSAC and the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), as well as between county welfare departments and the systemwide offices of the public postsecondary education systems, for the purpose of conducting direct outreach to students about CalFresh eligibility.

I strongly support the author's goal of expanding eligible college student participation in the CalFresh program and applaud the author for her commitment to this issue. However, as drafted, this bill contains significant policy and implementation challenges with respect to the required data-sharing agreements. I encourage the author to work with CDSS on a more implementable solution that reduces both privacy risks and the complexity of creating new data-sharing systems across multiple agencies.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

FAILED PASSAGE OR JURISDICTION CHANGE

[AB-844 \(Essayli\) - Educational equity: sex-segregated school and athletic programs and activities: use of facilities.](#)

Limits a student's participation in sex-segregated school programs and activities, including athletic teams and competitions, and access to school facilities, at elementary, secondary, and postsecondary institutions, by their anatomy and genetics at the time of birth.

Status: Died in Assembly Arts, Entertainment, Sports, and Tourism Committee

[AB-1470 \(Haney\) - California Student Housing Revolving Loan Fund Act of 2022.](#)

On June 23, 2025, this measure was amended out of the jurisdiction of the Assembly Higher Education Committee, and now makes changes to existing requirements for retail food facilities, as specified.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee

[SB-494 \(Cortese\) - Classified school and community college employees: disciplinary hearings: appeals: contracted administrative law judges.](#)

On September 9, 2025, this measure was amended out of the jurisdiction of the Assembly Higher Education Committee, and now extends the date for a chartering authority to consider verified data to support measures of academic performance in the charter renewal process; and extends the moratorium on new non-classroom-based charter schools.

Status: Assembly Floor

REMAINING LEGISLATION

[AB-9 \(Quirk-Silva\) - University of California: California State University: transfer students.](#)

Requires the California State University, before September 1, 2026, to establish specific goals for the adequate representation of community college transfer students in each discipline, program, or major at the system level, and where feasible, at each campus, and would require the California State University to report on its internet website various ratios of community college transfer students to other undergraduates in its system, as provided. Further, this measure requests the University of California (UC), before September 1, 2026, to establish a formal process for identifying the specific disciplines, programs, or majors where capacity increases for community college transfer students at individual campuses would be most valuable and requests the UC to prioritize those areas for future capacity increases.

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

[AB-48 \(Alvarez\) - Education finance: postsecondary education facilities: College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2026.](#)

Enacts the College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2026 as a state general obligation bond act that would provide an unspecified dollar amount to construct and modernize education facilities, as specified. The bond act would only become operative if approved by the voters at an unspecified statewide election in 2026.

Status: Senate Rules Committee

[AB-58 \(Soria\) - University of California, Merced: medical school.](#)

Requests the University of California (UC) to submit a report to the Legislature, on or before August 31, 2026, on the financial requirements necessary to expand the current UC, San Francisco and UC Merced medical education collaboration, the San Joaquin Valley PRIME+ program, and to transition the program into a fully independent medical school operated by the UCM.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee – Held on Suspense

[AB-65 \(Aguiar-Curry\) - School and community college employees: paid disability and parental leave.](#)

Requires K-12 public schools and community college districts to provide up to 14 weeks of paid leave for employees experiencing pregnancy, miscarriage, childbirth, termination of pregnancy, or recovery from those conditions.

Status: Senate Education Committee

AB-90 (Jackson) - Public postsecondary education: overnight student parking.

Requires each community college district to establish a plan to provide a safe overnight parking program on each community college campus as part of their annual campus safety plan. Conditions the implementation of the safe overnight parking program upon the majority vote of the governing board of the community college district and establishes a reporting requirement on specified outcomes of the safe overnight parking program, if the community college district establishes the program.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee – Held on Suspense

AB-95 (Fong) - California Education Interagency Council.

Establishes, in the Government Operations Agency, the California Education Interagency Council, composed of specified state officers for purposes of evaluating workforce and economic changes in the state, integrating and aligning education and employment systems, maximizing funding impact, supporting adult skill development, coordinating regional education and workforce needs, and serving as a forum for discussions of intersegmental and cross-sector policy issues, as specified.

Status: Assembly -In Committee Process - Appropriations

AB-240 (Alanis) - Community colleges: study: Counties of Amador, Alpine, Mariposa, Modoc, and Sierra.

Requires that the California Research Bureau (CRB) conduct and prepare a report that would align with the state's declaration that all of the territory of the state shall be included within a community college district (CCD). The report would provide specific policy recommendations evaluating California Community Colleges services and opportunities for the residents of Amador, Alpine, Mariposa, Modoc, and Sierra counties that are not fully included in a CCD. CRB will also convene and consult a working group to help implement the recommendations.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee – Held on Suspense

AB-326 (Kalra) - California State University: audits.

Requires an external financial audit of each campus of the California State University (CSU) to be conducted at least once every three years and requires all audits of the CSU or any of its campuses, including audits conducted by the CSU's internal audit staff, to be available to the public.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee – Held on Suspense

AB-335 (Gipson) - The Designation of California Black-Serving Institutions Grant Program.

Establishes a competitive grant program to provide monetary resources and support to underserved students at colleges and universities that are recognized as California Black-Serving Institutions.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee – Held on Suspense

AB-363 (Bryan) - Community colleges: CalWORKs Recipients Education Program: eligibility and services.

Expands access to the California Community College's CalWORKs Recipients Education Program (CalWORKs education program) to include those whose dependents receive CalWORKs benefits, removes conditions limiting the ability for students to access subsidized child care, permits a program to waive an employer's contribution for work study positions, if specified conditions are met, and expands the how the funds allocated for the CalWORKs education program may be used to benefit students.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee – Held on Suspense

AB-395 (Gabriel) - Holidays.

Requires the California Community Colleges and the California State University, and requests the University of California to make a reasonable effort to avoid calendaring institutional events on a date that is observed as a religious, cultural, or ancestral holiday. Establishes similar provisions for public K-12 schools, state agencies, and local legislative bodies to make an effort to avoid scheduling events, as specified, on dates that are typically observed as a religious, cultural, or ancestral holiday, as defined.

Status: Senate Judiciary Committee

AB-402 (Patel) - Student financial aid: Cal Grant Program and the California Community College Expanded Entitlement Program.

Sets, beginning with the 2026-27 award year, and subject to an appropriation for this purpose, the maximum tuition award amount for new Cal Grant A and B recipients attending an independent institution of higher education (ICCU) at either \$9,708 or \$8,056, with the higher amount conditioned on the achievement of the target numbers for associate degree for transfer commitments that apply for the prior award year. Authorizes a student who receives a California Community College Expanded Entitlement Award and who subsequently transfers to an ICCU to remain eligible to receive the award, as specified. Makes technical and clarifying changes to existing law.

Status: Senate Education Committee

AB-409 (Arambula) - Open meetings: teleconferences: community college student body associations and student-run organizations.

Extends, until January 1, 2030, the sunset date on the provisions of law enacted by AB 1855 (Arambula), Chapter 232, Statutes of 2024, which allowed a community college student body association or any other student-run community college organization to teleconference without meeting all of the teleconferencing requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act (Brown Act).

Status: Senate Local Government Committee

AB-500 (Quirk-Silva) - University of California: admissions changes.

Establishes the procedures the California State Legislature intends the University of California Board of Regents to undertake prior to a vote to change any criteria for undergraduate admissions to the University of California.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee – Held on Suspense

AB-530 (Hart) – California State University: fiscal transparency.

This bill requires the California State University to include on its website, on or before July 1, 2027, certain information about each expenditure of state funds, as defined, for expenditures exceeding \$10,000, in an aggregated and searchable format available to the public, updated monthly.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee – Held on Suspense

AB-537 (Ahrens) – Community colleges: California College Promise.

Reduces the minimum unit requirement for California Community College students to qualify for a California College Promise fee waiver from full-time (12 or more units) to nine units.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process – Appropriations

AB-556 (Patterson) – Public postsecondary education: waiver of campus-based fees: veterans.

This bill prohibits campuses of the University of California, the California State University, and the California Community Colleges from charging any mandatory “campus-based” fees, including student services fees or technology fees, to a military dependent student receiving the CalVet fee waiver.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee – Held on Suspense

AB-684 (Patel) - University of California: meetings of the Regents.

Expands the definition of “Regent of the University of California” to include the Academic Senate Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools for purposes of the Bagley-Keene Open Meetings Act.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee – Held on Suspense

AB-694 (McKinnor) - Department of Industrial Relations: advisory committee: occupational safety and health.

Would, upon an appropriation, (1) require the Department of Industrial Relations to contract with specified academic institutions to conduct a study to evaluate the understaffing and vacancies within its Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA), and (2) require the academic institutions to convene an advisory committee to advise on the study and provide findings and recommendations, as specified.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee – Held on Suspense

AB-700 (Caloza) - Student loans: public service educational loan forgiveness program.

Requires the California Student Aid Commission to establish a public service educational loan forgiveness program of up to \$10,000 per applicant, as specified. Further, the measure requires applicants for the program to have made continuous payments on their debt and be active employees of a state agency, local government agency, or nonprofit organization, as defined, who have served for a minimum of 10 years.

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

AB-713 (Solache) - Public postsecondary education: student employment.

Prohibits the University of California, California State University, or California Community Colleges from disqualifying a student from being hired for an employment position due to the student’s failure to provide proof of federal work authorization, except where that proof is required by federal law or where that proof is required as a condition of a grant that funds the particular employment position for which the student has applied.

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

AB-714 (Fong) - California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009: exemptions: commercial driving licenses.

Provides that an existing exemption from the California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009 for institutions that do not award degrees and that solely provide educational programs for total charges of \$2,500 or less does not apply to institutions that provide any training or curriculum for Class A, B, or C commercial driving licenses.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Appropriations

[AB-718 \(Tangipa\) - Public postsecondary education: admission: salary and student loan data.](#)

This bill requires the California State University, and requests the University of California, to include in admissions letters a hyperlink to the university's internet website containing labor market outcome information and information about student loans.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee – Held on Suspense

[AB-730 \(Arambula\) - Public postsecondary education: University of California, Merced: medical education.](#)

Appropriates \$15 million from the General Fund to the Regents of the University of California on or before July 1, 2026, and each July 1 thereafter, for allocation to the UC Merced (UCM) Medical Education Collaborative, and requires UCM Medical Education Collaborative, as a condition of receiving the appropriation, to develop a program, consistent with its mission, and in conjunction with the health facilities of its medical residency programs, to identify eligible medical residents and to assist those medical residents in applying for physician retention programs.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee – Held on Suspense

[AB-731 \(Fong\) - Pupil instruction: dual enrollment: College and Career Access Pathways partnerships.](#)

Amends the dual enrollment program, College and Career Access Pathways partnership, to align with best practices, in order to streamline access to dual enrollment for high school students throughout the state.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee – Held on Suspense

[AB-791 \(Berman\) - Student financial aid: Cal Grant Program: cost of attendance.](#)

Requires, as part of the criteria to be a qualifying institution under the Cal Grant Program, an institution of higher education to develop and implement a cost of attendance (COA) policy and adjustment process to estimate and adjust COA information in a manner that is consistent with federal standards, as specified.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee – Held on Suspense

AB-850 (Pacheco) - Institutional Debt Transparency Act.

Prohibits an institution of higher education, as defined, from charging a higher tuition or fee on the grounds that a student owes an institutional debt, as defined, and would also prohibit an institution of higher education from preventing a current or former student from reenrolling or registering at the institution on those grounds unless the institution complies with specified conditions, including, among other conditions, that the institution grants a one-time exemption from the enrollment or registration hold and a specified opportunity for payment or entry into a payment plan, as provided.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee – Held on Suspense

AB-861 (Solache) - Community colleges: students: public transportation: Los Angeles Community College District.

Establishes the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Los Angeles Community College GoPass and a student ambassador program.

Status: Assembly Transportation Committee

AB-885 (Solache) - Public postsecondary education: College Access for All Fund.

Establishes the College Access for All Fund in the State Treasury. This measure stipulates that all moneys in the College Access for all Fund, must be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the University of California and the California State University for purposes of lowering the cost of undergraduate attendance, either through tuition reductions or loan repayment programs, or a combination of tuition reductions and loan repayment programs.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee – Held on Suspense

AB-922 (Hoover) - University of California: employees, volunteers, and contractors: background checks.

Authorizes the University of California (UC) to require background checks, to be completed by the Department of Justice (DOJ), during the final stages of the recruitment process for a prospective staff employee, contractor, or volunteer. The bill also requires UC to submit to DOJ fingerprint images of a prospective staff employee, contractor, or volunteer, and related information required by the DOJ, for purposes of a state and federal level criminal history background check.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee – Held on Suspense

AB-934 (Berman) - Community colleges: degrees and certificates: education plans.

Requires a California Community College, beginning with the 2026-27 academic year, to annually identify and notify students who, within the previous five academic years, (a) have completed the required number of units to receive a degree or certificate, (b) need fewer than 12 or 18 semester or quarter units, respectively, to receive a degree or certificate, or (c) have completed the general education transfer requirements and are eligible for certification.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee – Held on Suspense

AB-958 (Sharp-Collins) - Trustees of the California State University: gubernatorial and faculty appointees.

Adds a seventeenth member of the public and a second faculty member to the California State University Board of Trustees, as specified.

Status: Assembly Floor –on Inactive File

AB-972 (Wilson) - Postsecondary education: discrimination: sex.

Clarifies a person may not be discriminated against on the basis of their sex, by adding the term “sex” to the list of protected characteristics in the prohibition of discrimination section of the Equity in Higher Education Act.

Status: Senate Education Committee

AB-988 (Fong) - Pupil instruction: dual enrollment: College and Career Access Pathways partnerships: task force.

Creates a Dual Enrollment Framework Task force (task force) tasked with developing recommendations for a statewide dual enrollment framework designed to provide universal access to dual enrollment courses to all public high school students in the state.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee – Held on Suspense

AB-1035 (Mark González) - Community colleges: California College Promise: fee waiver eligibility.

Authorizes the expansion of the community college enrollment fee waiver that students are eligible for under the California College Promise by an additional two years of full-time attendance for a student enrolled in a community college baccalaureate degree program for a total of four years of eligibility.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee – Held on Suspense

AB-1045 (Ávila Farías) - California State University and University of California: financial incentives: nonprofit organizations: service learning.

Authorizes a California State University or University of California campus to use existing resources or outside funds to provide financial incentives to nonprofit organizations and facilitate service learning programs and opportunities for students.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee – Held on Suspense

AB-1093 (Solache) - Public postsecondary education: California-Mexico Higher Education Development and Academic Exchange Program.

Establishes, until January 1, 2032, the California-México Higher Education Development and Academic Exchange Program for 400 students who attend a campus of the University of California (UC), the California State University (CSU), or the California Community Colleges (CCC) to attend universities in México and for 400 students who attend a university in México to attend a campus of the UC, CSU, or CCC, each year and establishes the California-México Higher Education Development and Academic Exchange Program Fund to be housed in the California State Treasury.

Status: Senate Education Committee

AB-1122 (Bryan) - Pupil instruction: dual enrollment.

Creates a statewide mandate where by academic year 2029-2030, every local education agency, which serves high school students, will be required to offer a dual enrollment program in partnership with a community college district.

Status: Assembly Education Committee

AB-1171 (Patel) - Community colleges: part-time faculty: benefits.

Requires a part-time faculty member, whose teaching assignment equals or exceeds a full-time teaching assignment, to be provided the same benefits as a full-time faculty member.

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

AB-1202 (Ahrens) - Student loans: California Legislative Staff Education Loan Repayment Program.

Establish the California Legislative Staff Education Loan Repayment Program, under the administration of the California Student Aid Commission, to provide up to \$50,000 in student loan repayment per applicant, disbursed in equal monthly installments over 20 years, as specified.

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

AB-1212 (Patel) - University of California: faculty and employee housing.

Establishes the University of California Faculty and Employee Housing Act of 2025.

Status: Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee

AB-1217 (Fong) - Public postsecondary education: admissions standards and criteria.

Requests the University of California to align all assistance provided to high schools on A-G course approval, with the content standards and frameworks adopted by the California State Board of Education (state board). Requires the California State University and requests the University of California to establish a set of academic standards for high school courses that qualify a student for admission to the institutions and for the development of those academic standards to be done in collaboration with the California State Board of Education.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee – Held on Suspense

AB-1235 (Rogers) - California State University: skilled and trained workforce requirement.

Prohibits a contractor from being prequalified for or awarded a design-build contract with the Trustees of the California State University (CSU) unless the contractor uses a skilled and trained workforce to perform all project work.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process – Appropriations

AB-1241 (Schiavo) - Student financial aid: Pay-It-Forward Financial Aid Program.

Requires the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC), in consultation with the California State University (CSU), and the University of California (UC), to establish a Pay-It-Forward Financial Aid Program that allows students to enroll at a CSU or a UC campus without paying upfront tuition, fees, or room and board, and instead requiring participating students to pay, upon graduation or disenrollment and employment, a percentage of their annual adjusted gross income to the state for a number of years, as determined by CSAC.

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

AB-1247 (Garcia) - Classified employees: school districts and community college districts: contracting out: training requirements.

Requires that contracted employees at a school district or community college district (CCD) meet or exceed the minimum qualifications and standards required of direct hires with the same job functions, as prescribed, and requires a district provide them with the same health care or retirement benefit contributions as a direct hire. The bills also requires that a school district or CCD compensate classified employees for any time necessary to complete required training at the employee's regular pay rate.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee – Held on Suspense

[AB-1346 \(DeMaio\) - Public postsecondary education: residency: dependents of members of the Armed Forces: reenrollments.](#)

Extends an existing prohibition against losing resident classification to student dependents of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States who are granted the right to reenroll in a public institution of higher education, even if the member of the Armed Forces has been transferred out of state or has retired from active duty.

Status: Senate Education Committee

[AB-1353 \(Haney\) - State real property: office space: consolidation.](#)

Requires that, by January 1, 2027, and annually thereafter, the Department of General Services to conduct an audit of utilization of state office buildings to determine opportunities to consolidate the square footage of office space given to a state agency, as provided. Requires that any space made available by this consolidation to be reserved for use by the University of California, California State University, and the California Community Colleges.

Status: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

[AB-1361 \(Bains\) - University of California: school of medicine in the County of Kern: feasibility study.](#)

Requires the University of California (UC), upon an appropriation by the Legislature, to complete a feasibility study for the establishment of a UC medical school branch campus in Kern County.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee – Held on Suspense

[AB-1433 \(Sharp-Collins\) - Education finance: funding: noncredit instruction.](#)

Require the California Community College Board of Governors to allocate base funding for designated categorical programs to noncredit colleges, as defined, and noncredit centers, as defined, that meet specified conditions. Further specifies that the categorical programs eligible for those base funding allocations include, but are not limited to, disabled student programs and services, mental health services, and veteran resource centers.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee – Held on Suspense

AB-1453 (Tangipa) - Public postsecondary education: student health: contraception and emergency contraception information.

Requires that California State University, as well as requests that the University of California provide adoption information in the Student Health Centers located on campus.

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

AB-1462 (Hart) - Public postsecondary education: community colleges: baccalaureate degree program: Allan Hancock College.

Authorize the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges (CCC) to approve a baccalaureate degree program at Allan Hancock College without a written agreement between the objecting segment and the chancellor if the board of governors determines the proposed baccalaureate degree program satisfies the baccalaureate degree program requirements, as specified.

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

ACA-3 (Haney) - University of California: home down payment loans for support staff.

Creates the University of California (UC) First-Time Homebuyer Down Payment Loans for Support Staff; which amends the California Constitution to require the UC Regents, on or before January 1, 2027, to extend portions of homeownership assistance, currently provided to senior executives and faculty, to eligible support staff.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Appropriations

ACA-7 (Jackson) - Government preferences.

Amends the California State Constitution, upon approval of the voters of California, to narrow the scope of the State's prohibition in granting preferential treatment on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin to the areas of public employment, public contracting, and higher education admissions and enrollment.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Appropriations

ACR-40 (Fong) - Student financial aid: Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) data.

States the Legislature and the State of California's commitment to protecting, to the fullest extent of the law, all the data and information provided by students and their families to California's postsecondary education.

Status: Senate Floor – on Inactive File

SB-226 (Cabaldon) - Community colleges: territory transfers between districts.

Authorizes an exemption to existing procedures for the transfer of a territory between existing community college districts, if specified conditions are met.

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

SB-244 (Grayson) - Public postsecondary education: disabled student services: assessments.

Requires beginning July 1, 2027, and upon appropriation by the Legislature, the Trustees of the California State University (CSU), and requests the Regents of the University of California (UC), to cover the costs of diagnostic assessments for learning disability assessments for the purposes of determining proof for academic accommodations for any student eligible for financial aid and financial assistance from the campus health or disability center.

The bill also provides for state funds to cover the annual cost of services on an actual cost basis, with each CSU or UC campus responsible for documenting such costs to the California Student Aid Commission to receive reimbursement.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee – Held on Suspense

SB-323 (Pérez) - Student Aid Commission: California Dream Act application.

Requires the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC), commencing with the 2026–27 financial aid cycle, to amend the California Dream Act application (CADAA) and any of CSAC’s grant processing systems to clarify and ensure that the CADAA can be used by any student eligible for state financial aid programs, regardless of their eligibility for federal financial aid. Further, this measure also requires CSAC to consult the segments of postsecondary education in promoting the CADAA in a manner that maximizes the amount of federal aid that students may access while apprising students of the choices available regarding which application they and their families may use.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Appropriations

SB-550 (Cortese) - California State University, San Jose: law school.

Establishes a six-year legal education pilot program offering both a juris doctor degree and undergraduate course of study at the California State University, San Jose, in partnership with a Committee of Bar Examiners (CBE) of the State Bar of California accredited law school that has operated continuously as an independent nonprofit institution. The bill also requires the Legislative Analyst’s Office (LAO) to conduct an interim and final evaluation of the pilot program.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee – Held on Suspense

[SB-685 \(Cortese\) - California State University: financial aid for homeless students: pilot program.](#)

Establishes the Financial Assistance for Students Experiencing Homelessness Pilot Program, upon an appropriation by the Legislature and until July 1, 2031, to be administered by the three participating California State University campuses, as defined, for the purpose of increasing access to postsecondary education for students who experienced homelessness during high school.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Appropriations

[SB-790 \(Cabaldon\) - Postsecondary education: postsecondary education coordinating entity: interstate reciprocity agreements for distance education: out-of-state postsecondary educational institutions.](#)

Authorizes the Governor to enter into an interstate reciprocity agreement for the authorization and oversight of distance education and requires the Governor to designate a portal entity to administer the interstate reciprocity agreement. Requires, beginning January 1, 2028, a public and accredited nonprofit postsecondary institution to register with the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education unless the institution already has approval to operate in California pursuant to an interstate reciprocity agreement. The bill also prohibits out-of-state postsecondary institutions from engaging in specified deceptive business practices.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee – Held on Suspense

[SB-835 \(Ochoa Bogh\) - Pupil instruction: Cambridge International Education programs.](#)

Expands the multiple measures for measuring the academic growth of students for purposes of evaluating the performance of school principles to include the student's performance on the Cambridge International Examinations and expands the list of college preparation programs K-12 educational counselors are to encourage students to participate in to include Cambridge International programs.

Status: Assembly Education Committee

[SCR-82 \(Niello\) - Public higher education: artificial intelligence usage.](#)

Authorizes the California Encourages the President of the University of California, the Chancellor of the California State University, and the Chancellor for the California Community Colleges to create a workgroup of faculty, staff, and administrators to review the use of artificial intelligence in higher education.

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

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