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Access

[AB 359](#) (Holden)

Amended: 5/30/2024

Title: Pupil Instruction: Dual Enrollment: College and Career Access Pathways Partnerships

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee—Suspense File

Position:

Summary:

This bill would significantly amend the College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP) dual enrollment program to align with best practices from other dual enrollment programs and to streamline access for students throughout the state. Specifically, the bill would do the following:

- Require that enrollment be prioritized for students who may not already be college bound or who are underrepresented in higher education
- Authorize a community college district (CCD) participating in a CCAP partnership to offer physical education courses if the courses meet specified criteria
- Authorize a CCD to enter into a CCAP partnership with the governing board of a local educational agency (LEA) within the service area of another CCD if either of the following conditions are met:
 - The LEA has sent a request letter to the CCD in their service area requesting to establish a CCAP partnership, and the request letter has been denied in writing
 - The LEA has sent a request letter to the chief executive office of the CCD in their service area requesting to establish a CCAP partnership and at least 60 days have passed since the initial request without a written response from the chief executive
- Require, commencing with the 2030-31 academic year, a CCAP agreement to certify that a student receives credit for completed community college courses if the courses are part of a memorandum of understanding between the LEA and CCD and the course is either:
 - A lower division, college-level course for credit that is designated as part of the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum or applies toward the general education breadth requirements of the California State University
 - A college-level, occupational course for credit assigned a priority code of “A,” “B,” or “C,” pursuant to the Student Accountability Model
- Change the CCAP reporting requirement by replacing the number of community college courses enrolled in by CCAP participants to the number of high school students who successfully completed 12 or more units of college coursework by graduation, completed a certificate, or completed the courses required for an associate degree
- Delete the requirement to consult with the appropriate local workforce development board for career technical education pathways provided under a partnership
- Delete the requirement that a CCAP partnership agreement certify that pretransfer-level courses taught by community college faculty at a partnering high school is offered only to high school students who do not meet their grade-level standard in mathematics and/or English

- Require existing CCAP partnership agreements to be amended to comply with the bill's requirements by the start of the 2030-31 academic year

AB 2019 (Hoover)

Amended: 6/27/2024

Title: Early and Middle College High Schools and Programs

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require each school district, county office of education, or charter school with a middle college high school or program or an early college high school or program, to, beginning on or before August 1, 2026, and each August 1 thereafter, prepare and submit a report to the California Department of Education (CDE) with specified information. The bill would require the CDE, on or before November 15, 2026, and each November 15 thereafter, to aggregate that reported information and submit a report of the information to the Legislature and the Department of Finance.

AB 2057 (Berman)

Amended: 6/10/2024

Title: Associate Degree for Transfer

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee—Suspense File

Position:

Summary:

This bill would delineate which entities with the public higher education institutions are responsible for ensuring campus programs are free from discrimination and who has the authority to oversee and monitor compliance with state and federal laws. It would also require the leadership of all three public higher education institutions to present to the Legislature their efforts in addressing and preventing discrimination on campus. For the California Community Colleges (CCC), the bill would delineate the dual responsibility for ensuring the programs and activities offered by a community college district (CCD) as free from discrimination, including to the governing board of the CCD and the chief executive officer of each community college within the district. The bill would require the Chancellor's Office to annually submit and present a report to the Board of Governors on the state of the CCC system in ensuring the CCD programs and activities are free from discrimination.

SB 1244 (Newman)

Title: Pupil Instruction: Dual Enrollment: College and Career Access Pathways Partnerships

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would authorize a community college district (CCD) to enter into a College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP) partnership to offer dual enrollment courses with a school district, county office of education, or charter school within the service area of another CCD if the CCD in the service area has declined a request from or has failed to take action within 60 calendar days of a request to either enter into a CCAP partnership or to approve another CCD to enter into a CCAP partnership to offer those courses.

College & Career

[AB 1695 \(Gipson\)](#)

Amended: 7/5/2023

Title: Career Technical Education: Nursing Pathway Pilot Program

Status: Senate Desk

Position:

Summary:

This bill would establish the Nursing Pathway Pilot Program in high schools to create pathways toward associate degrees in nursing at the California Community Colleges (CCC). More specifically, the bill would require the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to, subject to an appropriation, allocate funding for the development of career pathways toward an associate degree in nursing at community college schoolsites. The bill would require that a student who completes a pilot program be granted preferential enrollment status toward an associate degree at any CCC, subject to the establishment of additional capacity in community college nursing programs above and beyond the level in place for the 2024-25 academic year.

[AB 3087 \(Fong, Mike\)](#)

Amended: 3/21/2024

Title: California Community Colleges Economic and Workforce Development Program

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would extend the operation of the California Community Colleges Economic and Workforce Development Program by five years to January 1, 2030.

Employees

[AB 518 \(Wicks\)](#)

Amended: 9/8/2023

Title: Paid Family Leave: Eligibility: Care for Designated Persons

Status: Senate Floor—Inactive File

Position:

Summary:

This bill would, beginning November 1, 2024, expand eligibility for benefits under the Paid Family Leave program to include individuals who take time off work to care for a seriously ill designated person. This bill defines “designated person” to mean any individual related by blood or whose association with the employee is the equivalent of a family relationship.

AB 810 (Friedman)**Amended:** 6/3/2024**Title:** Postsecondary Education: Hiring Practices: Academic, Athletic, and Administrative Appointments**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee**Position:****Summary:**

The bill would require community college districts and the Trustees of the California State University (CSU) to require an applicant for an academic, athletic, or administrative position to sign a release form that authorizes the release of information by previous employers concerning any substantiated allegations of misconduct. The bill would also require the California Community Colleges, the CSU, the University of California, independent institutions of higher education, and private postsecondary educational institutions, during the process to authorize a volunteer in an athletic department, to contact the current or former employer to determine if the applicant violated any employment policies.

AB 1905 (Addis)**Amended:** 4/4/2024**Title:** Public Postsecondary Education: Employment: Settlements, Informal Resolutions, and Retreat Rights**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would prohibit postsecondary educational institution employees from being eligible for retreat rights and from receiving a letter of recommendation if the employee is a respondent in a sexual harassment complaint filed with the institution if any of the following occur:

- The employee is determined to have committed sexual harassment in a final administrative decision
- The employee resigns from their current position before a final administrative decision is made
- The employee enters into a settlement with the public postsecondary institution

The bill would condition a public postsecondary educational institution's receipt of state financial assistance on the governing board or body of each adopting a written policy on settlements and informal resolutions of complaints of sexual harassment in cases where the respondent is an employee.

AB 1997 (McKinnor)**Amended:** 4/1/2024**Title:** Teachers' Retirement Law**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee—Suspense File**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would make changes to the Teachers' Retirement Law relating to creditable compensation, creditable service, and the reporting of compensation to the system by the California State Teachers' Retirement System employers for purposes of retirement, among other provisions. The bill would redefine "annualized pay rate" to mean the salary a person could earn during a school term in a position subject to membership if creditable service were performed for that position on a full-time basis, to be determined pursuant to a publicly available pay schedule by a prescribed method. The bill, if no annualized pay rate exists for a position subject to membership, would deem all compensation earned in that position "supplemental pay."

AB 2076 (McCarty)**Amended:** 5/16/2024**Title:** California Student Housing Revolving Loan Fund Act of 2022: State Fund Loan**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee—Suspense File**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would require the State Controller, upon an appropriation, to loan \$200 million from the Pooled Money Investment Account in the 2024-25 fiscal year, and deposit it into the Student Housing Revolving Loan Fund, which provides 30-year loans to the three public higher education segments to support building affordable student, faculty, and staff housing. The bill stipulates that the public higher education segments must repay the loans at a 3% interest rate. The bill would require the loan principal and interest to be fully repaid by June 30, 2035.

AB 2088 (McCarty)**Amended:** 5/16/2024**Title:** K-14 Classified Employees: Part-Time or Full-Time Vacancies: Public Postings**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee**Position:** Oppose**Summary:**

This bill would require K-14 employers to offer classified job vacancies to current employees for ten business days before the education employer may offer the position to an external candidate. The bill does not prohibit an education employer from posting the new position to the general public during the ten-day period. Current classified employees who meet the minimum qualifications of the position at the time they apply shall have the right of first refusal for the position, and priority shall be given to current employees who work in the same classification as the position. If the part-time positions equal full-time threshold, the employee shall be eligible for the same benefits as full-time employees. Assembly Bill 2088 does not apply to management or confidential positions, or employees on performance improvement plans or involved in formal discipline.

AB 2123 (Papan)*Amended:** 7/3/2024**Title:** Disability Compensation: Paid Family Leave**Status:** Senate Floor—Second Reading**Position:****Summary:**

Existing law authorizes an employer to require an employee to take up to two weeks of earned but unused vacation before, and as a condition of, the employee's initial receipt of these benefits during any 12-month period in which the employee is eligible for these benefits. This bill would make that authorization and related provisions inapplicable to any disability commencing on or after January 1, 2025.

AB 2134 (Muratsuchi)**Amended:** 5/16/2024**Title:** School Employees: Transfer of Leave of Absence for Illness or Injury**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would require a community college district, school district, county office of education, and state special school to accept the transfer of sick leave for a certificated or classified employee at any time during their employment and would require certificated employee time to be transferred in days.

AB 2167 (Cervantes)**Amended:** 6/18/2024**Title:** Unemployment Insurance: Disability: Paid Family Leave**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee—Suspense File**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would extend the timeline for an individual to file a claim for family temporary disability insurance benefits to no later than the 60th consecutive day following the first compensable day of unemployment and disability. This bill would also, beginning when the next scheduled improvement of the Employment Development Department's integrated claims management system is implemented, authorize an individual to file a claim for disability insurance benefits up to 30 days before the first compensable day with respect to which the claim is made for benefits and make other conforming changes.

AB 2277 (Wallis)**Amended:** 3/6/2024**Title:** Community Colleges: Part-Time Faculty**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee**Position:** Oppose**Summary:**

This bill would require community college districts (CCDs), as a condition of receiving funding allocated for the Student Equity and Achievement Program, to increase the maximum amount of instructional hours that a part-time community college faculty member could teach at a community college from the range of 60-67% of a full-time equivalent load to 80-85%. The bill would require CCDs to commence the negotiation of these terms no later than the expiration of any negotiated agreement in effect on January 1, 2025, and for any CCD that does not have a collective bargaining agreement in effect as of January 1, 2025. The bill would require, in all cases, part-time, temporary faculty assignments to be less than 30 hours per week, consistent with the terms and guidelines of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

AB 2370 (Cervantes)**Amended:** 4/17/2024**Title:** Community Colleges: Faculty: Instructor of Record: Qualifications**Status:** Signed by the Governor, Chapter 66, Statutes of 2024**Position:****Summary:**

Existing law requires the Board of Governors (BOG) to adopt regulations to establish and maintain the minimum qualifications for service as a faculty member teaching credit instruction or a faculty member teaching noncredit instruction. Existing law also requires the BOG to adopt regulations authorizing local governing boards to employ faculty members and educational administrators who do not meet the specified minimum qualifications, subject to alternative minimum qualifications. This bill explicitly requires the instructor of record for a course of instruction to be a person who meets the above-described minimum qualifications to serve as a faculty member teaching credit instruction or a faculty member teaching noncredit instruction, or the alternative minimum qualifications to serve as a faculty member.

AB 2421 (Low)**Amended:** 6/17/2024**Title:** Employer-Employee Relations: Confidential Communications**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would make it unlawful under the state's public sector collective bargaining statutes to question any employee or employee representative regarding communications made in confidence between an employee and an employee representative in connection with representation relating to any matter within the scope of the recognized employee organization's representation. Communications between an employee and their employee representative shall not be confidential if, at any time, the representative was a witness or party to any of the events forming the basis of a potential administrative disciplinary or criminal investigation.

AB 2494 (Calderon)**Amended:** 7/3/2024**Title:** Employer Notification: Continuation Coverage**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would require employers with 20 or more employees to provide to employees, upon termination or upon reduction in hours, a notice stating that the employee may be eligible for coverage under the federal Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 and that the employee will receive an election notice from the plan administrator or group health plan.

[AB 2770 \(Committee on Public Employment and Retirement\)](#)**Amended:** 3/11/2024**Title:** Public Employees' Retirement**Status:** To Enrollment**Position:****Summary:**

Current California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) law authorizes a member to request to purchase additional service credit and to redeposit accumulated retirement contributions returned to the member. This bill would require the member to sign and return the completed statement of contributions and interest required from CalSTRS to purchase service credit at a specific cost no later than 35 calendar days from the date of the offer.

[AB 2834 \(Rendon\)](#)**Amended:** 3/11/2024**Title:** Public Postsecondary Education: Part-Time Faculty**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would revise the policy preferences of the Legislature with respect to part-time community college faculty to express the preference that the names of part-time faculty be listed in the schedule of classes and the bulletin of classes offered once they are assigned to a course. The bill also would express all of the community college part-time faculty preferences, as amended by the bill, with respect to part-time California State University faculty.

[AB 290 \(Aguiar-Curry\)](#)**Amended:** 5/16/2024**Title:** School and Community College Employees: Paid Disability and Parental Leave**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee**Position:****Summary:**

The bill would require a K-14 public school employer to provide up to 14 weeks of a leave of absence with full pay for an employee who is required to be absent from duty because of pregnancy, miscarriage, childbirth, termination of pregnancy, or recovery from those conditions. The bill would authorize the paid leave to begin before and continue after childbirth if the employee is actually disabled by pregnancy, childbirth, termination of pregnancy, or a related condition. The bill would prohibit a leave of absence taken pursuant to these provisions from being deducted from other leaves of absence. Recent amendments add a calculation to pro-rate the provided 14 weeks for part-time employees.

AB 2931 (Fong, Mike)**Amended:** 4/11/2024**Title:** Community Colleges: Classified Employees: Merit System: Part-Time Student-Tutors**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee**Position:****Summary:**

Current law authorizes a community college district to adopt a merit system that establishes how to employ, pay, and otherwise control the services of classified employees of the community college district. Part-time students employed part-time in a college work-study program are exempt from this law. This bill would additionally exempt from the classified service part-time students employed part-time as student-tutors by their community college district of enrollment.

AB 2971 (Maienschein)**Amended:** 4/25/2024**Title:** Classified Employee Staffing Ratio Workgroup: Community College Districts**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee—Suspense File**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would broaden the definition of “voluntary local educational agencies” under the Classified Employee Staffing Ratio Workgroup to include community college districts. This bill would require the workgroup to group classified assignments for both K-12 and community colleges. The bill would also require the workgroup to convene on or before July 31, 2025, rather than December 31, 2024, and report its recommendations to the Legislature on or before July 31, 2026, rather than December 31, 2025.

SB 252 (Gonzalez)**Amended:** 5/18/2023**Title:** Public Retirement Systems: Fossil Fuels: Divestment**Status:** Assembly Public Employment and Retirement Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would prohibit the Board of the California Public Employees’ Retirement System (CalPERS) and the Teachers’ Retirement Board of the California State Teachers’ Retirement System (CalSTRS) from making any additional or new investments or renewing existing investments of public employee retirement funds in a fossil fuel company. The bill would also require CalPERS and CalSTRS to liquidate investments in a fossil fuel company on or before July 1, 2031.

SB 1090 (Durazo)**Amended:** 5/16/2024**Title:** Unemployment Insurance: Disability and Paid Family Leave: Claim Administration**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would authorize workers to file a claim for State Disability Insurance or Paid Family Leave benefits up to 30 days in advance of the first compensable day of disability and requires the Employment Development Department to issue payment on those claims within 14 days of receipt (per existing law) or as soon as eligibility begins for the claimant, whichever is later.

Facilities

[*AB 247 \(Muratsuchi\)](#)

Amended: 6/29/2024

Title: Education Finance: School Facilities: Kindergarten Through Grade 12 Schools and Local Community College Public Education Facilities Modernization, Repair, and Safety Bond Act of 2024

Status: Signed by the Governor, Chapter 81, Statutes of 2024

Position:

Summary:

This bill places a \$10 billion K-14 school facilities bond before voters on the November 5 General Election ballot. If approved by voters, bond proceeds will provide a total of \$1.5 billion for community college facilities and \$8.5 billion for K-12 facilities.

[AB 1142 \(Fong, Mike\)](#)

Amended: 6/10/2024

Title: Community Colleges: Costs for Using Facilities or Grounds

Status: Senate Floor—Second Reading

Position:

Summary:

This bill would extend the authorization for community college districts to charge as direct costs for maintenance, repair, restoration, and refurbishment proportional to an entity's use of facilities by another five years, from January 1, 2025, to January 1, 2030.

[AB 2567 \(Mathis\)](#)

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Student Housing: Data Collection: Veterans

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require the California Community Colleges and California State University campuses to provide campus-owned, campus-operated, or campus-affiliated student housing to include additional information regarding students who are veterans, as defined, in the above-described data on student housing.

[AB 2707 \(Fong, Mike\)](#)

Amended: 5/16/2024

Title: Community Colleges: Student Housing: Study

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee—Suspense File

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) to conduct a study evaluating the demographics and unique issues and barriers that housing-insecure community college students 25 years of age and older and students with dependents, as defined, face in securing housing. The bill would require the LAO to submit a report to the Legislature, on or before January 1, 2026, with the results of the study including policy recommendations.

AB 3116 (Garcia)**Amended:** 6/10/2024**Title:** Housing Development: Density Bonuses: Student Housing Developments**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would define “student housing development” to mean a development that contains bedrooms containing two or more bedspaces that have a shared or private bathroom, access to a shared or private living room and laundry facilities, and access to a shared or private kitchen. The bill would authorize units in the student housing development to be used for undergraduate, graduate, or professional students enrolled currently or in the past 6 months in at least six units at an institution of higher learning.

SB 28 (Glazer)**Title:** Education Finance: School Facilities: Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2024**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee—Suspense File**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would place a \$15.5 billion preschool through higher education bond before voters on the March 5, 2024, statewide primary election. Each higher education segment would receive \$2 billion.

SB 312 (Wiener)*Amended:** 7/3/2024**Title:** California Environmental Quality Act: University Housing Development Projects: Exemption**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would extend the application of the university housing development project exemption until January 1, 2032. This bill would also require a public university to obtain Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Platinum certification for each building within a university housing development project no later than 18 months from the issuance of the building’s certificate of occupancy or an equivalent certification, or its initial usage, and would authorize a public university to obtain two extensions for this LEED certification compliance requirement in six-month increments, as provided. The bill would prohibit a public university that has exempted an approved university housing development project pursuant to the above-described exemption from applying that exemption to a subsequent university housing development project until the public university has obtained LEED Platinum certification for each building within the prior exempted university housing development project.

Financial Aid

[AB 320 \(Lee\)](#)

Title: Student Aid Commission.

Status: Senate Education Committee—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

Position:

Summary:

Existing law requires the Student Aid Commission to include two members, appointed by the Governor, who are students enrolled in a California postsecondary educational institution. This bill would instead require the commission to include four student members, one from each of the three public higher education segments and one from a California private postsecondary educational institution.

[AB 1793 \(Ta\)](#)

Amended: 4/3/2024

Title: Student Financial Aid: Cal Grants: Middle Class Scholarship Program: Eligibility: Dependents of Members of the Armed Services Stationed Outside of California

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would extend Cal Grant and Middle Class Scholarship Program eligibility to a student who was not a resident of California at the time of high school graduation but meets all other applicable eligibility requirements and is a dependent natural or adopted child, stepchild, or spouse of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States stationed outside of California on active duty, if the armed forces member otherwise maintains California as their state of legal residence.

[AB 2500 \(Fong, Mike\)](#)

Amended: 5/16/2024

Title: Student Financial Aid: Application Deadlines: Postponement

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require the Student Aid Commission to grant a postponement of an application deadline for financial aid programs administered by the commission pursuant to a formal request and would authorize the commission to grant, without submission of a formal request, a deadline postponement for certain qualifying events. The bill would instead authorize the commission, on a permanent basis, to delegate the authority to grant a deadline postponement to the director of the commission. The bill would extend the 10-day timeline for submission of a formal request to 15 days, extend the 24-hour timeline for the commission to issue a written notice of a deadline postponement to 48 hours, and would require commission staff to annually report to the commission, the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, and the chairpersons of the relevant fiscal and policy committees of the Legislature specified information related to deadline postponements.

AB 2507 (Friedman)**Amended:** 4/18/2024**Title:** Student Financial Aid: Students at Risk of Homelessness Emergency Pilot Program**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would create a pilot program to award interest-free loans for housing and college attendance costs to students who demonstrate financial need. The bill would require the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) to enter into a contract with a nonprofit organization to award loans to eligible students attending University of California, Los Angeles; the California State University, Northridge; and Glendale Community College. To be eligible for such a contract, the bill requires a nonprofit to have existed for more than 50 years and operate an interest-free loan program in the state before January 1, 2025. In addition, the bill specifies the selected nonprofit organization may use 2.5% of the funds for administrative costs for each year the program is operational. The bill tasks the selected nonprofit with determining the amount of a loan for a student and specifies the loan may not exceed a reasonable estimate of housing and college attendance costs and must be based on the financial need of the student. The bill requires the nonprofit to submit an annual report to CSAC about the program.

SB 307 (Ashby)**Amended:** 6/1/2023**Title:** Middle Class Scholarship Program: Community Colleges: Current and Former Foster Youth**Status:** Assembly Higher Education Committee—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would expand eligibility for the Middle Class Scholarship to community college students who are current or former foster youth pursuing transfer to a four-year postsecondary educational institution, an associate degree, an associate degree for transfer, or a certificate and who do not exceed the program's current annual household income and asset thresholds.

Governance and District Operations

[AB 817 \(Pacheco\)](#)

Amended: 5/29/2024

Title: Open Meetings: Teleconferencing: Subsidiary Body

Status: Assembly Local Government Committee—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

Position:

Summary:

This bill would, until January 1, 2026, authorize a subsidiary body of a local agency to use alternative teleconferencing provisions during a proclaimed state of emergency and would impose requirements for notice, agenda, and public participation. The bill would require at least one staff member of the local agency to be present at a designated primary physical meeting location during the meeting. The bill would require the local agency to post the agenda at the primary physical meeting location. The bill would require the members of the subsidiary body to visibly appear on camera during the open portion of a meeting that is publicly accessible via the Internet or other online platform. The bill would also require the subsidiary body to list a member of the subsidiary body who participates in a teleconference meeting from a remote location in the minutes of the meeting. In order to use teleconferencing pursuant to this act, the bill would require the legislative body that established the subsidiary body by charter, ordinance, resolution, or other formal action to make specified findings by majority vote, before the subsidiary body uses teleconferencing for the first time and every 12 months thereafter.

[AB 2302 \(Addis\)](#)

Title: Open Meetings: Local Agencies: Teleconferences

Status: Senate Floor—Third Reading

Position:

Summary:

Current law, until January 1, 2026, authorizes the legislative body of a local agency to use alternative teleconferencing in specified circumstances if at least a quorum of the members participates in person from a singular physical location clearly identified on the agenda. Current law imposes prescribed restrictions on remote participation by a member under these alternative teleconferencing provisions, including establishing limits on the number of meetings a member may participate in solely by teleconference from a remote location, prohibiting such participation for a period of more than three consecutive months or 20% of the regular meetings for the local agency within a calendar year, or more than two meetings if the legislative body regularly meets fewer than ten times per calendar year. This bill would revise those limits, instead prohibiting such participation for more than a specified number of meetings per year, based on how frequently the legislative body regularly meets.

AB 2557 (Ortega)**Amended:** 7/3/2024**Title:** Local Agencies: Contracts for Special Services and Temporary Help: Performance Reports**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would require, as of July 1, 2025, each legislative body that solicits for and enters into a specified contract for special services to post that contract and any related documents on its website. The bill would require, as of July 1, 2026, each contract, as described above, to include the objectives, desirables, and goals of the contract. The bill would require—before beginning a procurement process to contract for functions, duties, responsibilities, or services—the board of supervisors, or its representative, to give reasonable written notice to the exclusive employee representative of the workforce affected by the contract of its determination to begin that process. The bill would also require—at least 30 days before the modification or renewal of the above-described contract—the board of supervisors, or its representative, to notify the exclusive employee representative of the workforce affected by the contract of the intent to modify or renew the contract.

AB 2715 (Boerner)**Amended:** 4/24/2024**Title:** Ralph M. Brown Act: Closed Sessions**Status:** Senate Floor—Third Reading**Position:****Summary:**

Existing law under the Brown Act authorizes a legislative body to hold a closed session with specified individuals on matters posing a threat to the security of essential public services. This bill would additionally authorize a legislative body to hold a closed session with other law enforcement or security personnel and to hold a closed session on a threat to critical infrastructure controls or critical infrastructure information relating to cybersecurity.

Instruction

AB 1891 (Weber)**Amended:** 5/20/2024**Title:** Community Colleges: Allied Health Programs**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee—Suspense File**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would, until January 1, 2030, authorize the use of a multicriteria screening process, a random selection process, or a blended combination of the two for admission decisions in allied health programs.

AB 2044 (Chen)

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Community Colleges: Statewide Baccalaureate Degree Program

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee—Suspense File

Position:

Summary:

When conducting a review to approve the elimination of an associate degree program, existing law requires the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) to evaluate changes to the labor market viability of the associate degree and changes to the minimum education required to maintain program accreditation. This bill would require the CCCCCO to additionally evaluate whether baccalaureate degree holders are paid more than associate degree holders in the same field when conducting a review to approve the elimination of an associate degree program.

AB 2104 (Soria)

Amended: 5/16/2024

Title: Community Colleges: Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) to develop a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program that authorizes select community college districts (CCDs) to offer a bachelor of science in nursing degree. The pilot program would be limited to ten CCDs statewide and would require the Chancellor's Office to identify eligible CCDs based on at least two of the following criteria:

- CCDs that demonstrate equitable access to the pilot program, with a particular focus on regions showing a need for healthcare professionals
- CCDs that are located in broadly recognized underserved nursing areas
- CCDs where the service area includes communities with persistent poverty

The total number of participants in a pilot program at a CCD would be limited to 25% of the CCD's associate degree in nursing class size. However, for CCDs located in persistent poverty communities, this limit may be increased to up to 75%.

Assembly Bill 2104 would also require the Legislative Analyst's Office to conduct an evaluation of the pilot program to determine the effectiveness and the need to continue or expand the program.

AB 2305 (Fong, Mike)**Amended:** 3/19/2024**Title:** Public Postsecondary Education: Community Colleges: Statewide Baccalaureate Degree Program**Status:** Senate Education Committee—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would require that a community college district be provided with one timeline in which to apply for a baccalaureate degree program, with a total of 30 baccalaureate degree programs approved per academic year, and that a minimum of 90 working days be taken to validate the submitted information and assess the workforce value of the proposed baccalaureate degree program. This bill would provide that the California State University and the University of California have 105 working days after receipt of the proposal for a baccalaureate degree to submit written objections with supporting evidence, and the chancellor has 90 working days after receipt of written objections to convene with the applicant and the segment or segments that raised an objection to collaborate and establish a written agreement before the program is approved.

AB 2532 (Mathis)**Amended:** 4/25/2024**Title:** Community Colleges: Registered Nursing Programs**Status:** Senate Education Committee—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline**Position:****Summary:**

Current law prohibits a community college district (CCD) from implementing policies, procedures, and systems that have the effect of excluding an applicant or student of a registered nursing program who is not a resident of that district from a registered nursing program of that district. This bill would repeal this prohibition.

Additionally, the bill would add being a resident of the CCD to the list of life experiences or special circumstances specified for consideration in a multicriteria screening process. The bill would extend operation of these provisions relating to admission to community college nursing programs until January 1, 2030.

SB 895 (Roth)**Amended:** 5/16/2024**Title:** Community Colleges: Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee**Position:** Support**Summary:**

This bill would require the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) to develop a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program that authorizes select CCDs to offer a bachelor of science in nursing degree. The pilot program would be limited to 15 community college districts (CCDs) statewide and would require the CCCCCO to identify and select eligible CCDs based on the following criteria:

- The CCCCCO is encouraged to ensure there is equitable access between the northern, central, and southern parts of the state to the pilot program
- Priority shall be given to CCDs located in underserved nursing areas
- CCDs shall have a nationally accredited nursing program

The total number of participants in a pilot program at a CCD would be limited to 25% of the CCD's associate degree in nursing class size. The bill would also require the Legislative Analyst's Office to conduct an evaluation of the pilot program to determine the effectiveness and the need to continue or expand the program.

SB 1183 (Hurtado)**Amended:** 6/20/2024**Title:** Community Colleges: Registered Nursing Programs**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would add living in a medically underserved area or population, as designated by the federal Health Resources and Services Administration, to the list of life experiences or special circumstances specified for consideration in a multicriteria screening process. The bill would explicitly reference the various languages of the African continent as languages that may be identified by the chancellor as high-frequency languages. The bill would extend the operation of these provisions relating to admission to community college nursing programs until January 1, 2030.

Miscellaneous

[AB 252 \(Holden\)](#)

Amended: 5/30/2024

Title: The College Athlete Protection Act

Status: Senate Education Committee—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

Position: Watch

Summary:

This bill would establish the College Athlete Protection Act for purposes of providing various rights, benefits, and protections to college athletes. The bill would require an institution of higher education to distribute a notice to each college athlete containing college athlete rights and would require the institution to post this notice in a conspicuous location frequented by college athletes. The bill instead would prohibit an institution of higher education, and its employees, coaches, and affiliated medical personnel from retaliating against a college athlete for filing a complaint or reporting a violation of a college athlete's rights under the bill.

[AB 311 \(Santiago\)](#)

Amended: 6/6/2024

Title: California Food Assistance Program: Eligibility and Benefits

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee—Suspense File

Position:

Summary:

This bill would expand eligibility for the California Food Assistance Program to anyone who is ineligible for CalFresh benefits due solely to their immigration status by removing the 55 years or older age limit on eligibility.

[*AB 1160 \(Pacheco\)](#)

Amended: 7/3/2024

Title: Protecting Students From Creditor Colleges Act

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would prohibit a public or private postsecondary school from refusing to provide a diploma for a student on the grounds that the student owes a debt, conditioning the provision of a diploma on the payment of a debt, charging a higher fee for obtaining a diploma, providing less favorable treatment of a diploma request because a student owes a debt, or using a diploma issue as a tool for debt collection. The bill would also prohibit a college from charging a higher tuition or fee, failing to confer a degree on a student that has satisfied all academic requirements for their course of study, or otherwise preventing a student from reenrolling, registering, or graduating at the college on the grounds that the student owes an institutional debt. The bill would require the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges and the Trustees of the California State University to require each public institution to report, by July 1, 2026, using a specified uniform format, and on a biennial basis, specified information regarding the number and dollar amount of institutional debts at each institution.

AB 1542 (Fong, Mike)

Title: Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges: Student Members: Student Success Completion Grant Program Awards

Status: Senate Education Committee—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

Position: Support

Summary:

This bill would increase the pay of each student member of the Board of Governors to \$4000 per semester via the Student Success Completion Grant.

AB 1855 (Arambula)

Amended: 5/21/2024

Title: Open Meetings: Teleconferences: Community College Student Body Associations and Student-Run Organizations

Status: Senate Floor—Third Reading

Position:

Summary:

Existing law, until January 1, 2026, authorizes specified neighborhood city councils to use alternate teleconferencing provisions related to notice, agenda, and public participation, as prescribed, if, among other requirements, the city council has adopted an authorizing resolution and two-thirds of the neighborhood city council votes to use alternate teleconference provisions, as specified. This bill would authorize a California Community Colleges student body association and other specified student-run community college organizations to use similar alternate teleconferencing provisions related to notice, agenda, and public participation, as prescribed, if, among other requirements, the board of trustees of the community college district has adopted an authorizing resolution and two-thirds of an eligible legislative body votes to use the alternate teleconferencing provisions.

AB 2326 (Alvarez)

Amended: 6/3/2024

Title: Equity in Higher Education Act: Discrimination: Compliance, Regulations, and Reports

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would delineate which entities with the public higher education institutions are responsible for ensuring campus programs are free from discrimination and who has the authority to oversee and monitor compliance with state and federal laws. It would also require the leadership of all three public higher education institutions to present to the Legislature their efforts in addressing and preventing discrimination on campus. For the California Community Colleges (CCC), the bill would delineate the dual responsibility for ensuring the programs and activities offered by a community college district (CCD) as free from discrimination, including to the governing board of the CCD and the chief executive officer of each community college within the district. The bill would require the Chancellor's Office to annually submit and present a report to the Board of Governors on the state of the CCC system in ensuring the CCD programs and activities are free from discrimination.

AB 2349 (Wilson)**Amended:** 3/6/2024**Title:** Public Postsecondary Education: Cal-Bridge Program**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee—Suspense File**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would establish the Cal-Bridge Program as an intersegmental partnership program between the California Community Colleges, the California State University, and the University of California with the mission of creating a pathway that promotes the advancement of California's diverse undergraduate public postsecondary student population majoring in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines to pursue STEM doctors of philosophy and become members of California's professorate or leaders in California's technology industry.

AB 2492 (Irwin)**Amended:** 4/18/2024**Title:** Public Postsecondary Education: Sex Discrimination Complaints: Advocates and Coordinators**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would require, by July 1, 2026, a public postsecondary educational institution to establish and designate at least one person to fulfill the positions of confidential student advocate, confidential staff and faculty advocate, and confidential respondent services coordinator to assist students, faculty, or staff who have filed a complaint of sex discrimination, experienced sex discrimination, or are accused of sex discrimination. The bill would require those positions to, among other things, be independent from the Title IX office, receive specified training, and subject to permission from the student, faculty, or staff, provide, among other things, information about where the student, faculty, or staff can access campus resources.

AB 2586 (Alvarez)**Amended:** 6/10/2024**Title:** Public Postsecondary Education: Student Employment**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would prohibit California Community Colleges, California State University, and University of California campuses from disqualifying a student from being hired for an employment position due to their 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. The bill would require the systems to implement the bill by January 6, 2025.

AB 2925 (Friedman)**Amended:** 6/20/2024**Title:** Postsecondary Education: Equity in Higher Education Act: Prohibition on Discrimination: Training**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would provide that California's postsecondary educational institutions have an affirmative obligation to combat discrimination on the basis of disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, nationality or national identify, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, and other specified characteristics, and a responsibility to provide equal educational opportunity. Additionally, the bill would require the California Community Colleges and California State University to address discrimination against the five most targeted groups in the state, as provided, as part of any antidiscrimination training or diversity, equity, and inclusion training that is offered by the institution.

AB 2936 (Jackson)*Amended:** 7/2/2024**Title:** Higher Education Reconciliation Act**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would require the California Community Colleges (CCC) and the California State University (CSU) to develop and implement, by July 1, 2026, a systemwide and campus-level reconciliation master plan for use on each of their respective campuses to respond to and address cultural and political conflicts that arise on campus. The bill would also require the CCC and CSU to use the recommendations contained in the report submitted by their respective interest holder workgroups convened as described as a basis for the development of the reconciliation master plan.

ACA 7 (Jackson)*Amended:** 7/3/2024**Title:** Government Preferences: Programs: Exceptions**Status:** Senate Judiciary Committee**Position:****Summary:**

The California Constitution prohibits the state from discriminating against, or granting preferential treatment to, any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in the operation of public employment, public education, or public contracting. The Constitution defines the state for these purposes to include the state, any city, county, public university system, community college district, school district, special district, or any other political subdivision or governmental instrumentality of, or within, the state. This measure would instead prohibit the state from harmfully discriminating against, or granting preferential treatment to, any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in the operation of public employment or public education, except as provided. The measure would provide that, except as specified, a state agency or a local agency may use state moneys to fund research-based or research-informed and culturally specific programs in any industry if certain conditions are satisfied, including that those programs are established or otherwise implemented by the state for purposes of eliminating legal barriers to the creation of equality and equitable outcomes for all residents of the state in a specified manner.

SB 1166 (Dodd)**Amended:** 6/20/2024**Title:** Public Postsecondary Education: Annual Report: Sex Discrimination**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would require the California Community Colleges, by December 1, 2026, and by each December 1 thereafter, to submit an analogous report to the Legislature that provides a summation of the activities undertaken by each community college district (CCD) or campus, as applicable, and by each systemwide Title IX office, to ensure campus programs and activities are free from sex discrimination. The bill would require the Chancellor's Office of the California Community Colleges to post the annual reports on its respective Internet website. This bill would also require, by September 1, 2026, and by each September 1 thereafter, the governing board of each CCD to prepare and submit to the Chancellor's Office a report on the activities undertaken by each CCD to ensure campus programs and activities are free from sex discrimination. The bill would require each CCD to post the annual reports on its Internet website and to present each report during a public meeting of the governing board of the CCD.

SB 1348 (Bradford)*Amended:** 7/3/2024**Title:** Postsecondary Education: Designation of California Black-Serving Institutions**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would establish the Designation of California Black-Serving Institutions to recognize campuses of these segments that excel at providing academic resources to Black and African American students. The bill would create a governing board composed of certain members, to approve or deny initial and renewal applications to receive this designation. The bill would require a specified statewide office within the California State University to serve as the managing entity and neutral administrative body tasked with, among other duties, developing the application processes and processing and presenting applications to the governing board. The bill would make an initial and renewal award for this designation valid for five years.

SB 1411 (Ochoa Bogh)**Amended:** 6/17/2024**Title:** Instructional Quality Commission: Curriculum Framework and Evaluation Criteria Committee: Higher Education Faculty Representation**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would require the Instructional Quality Commission, when it revises a curriculum framework, to ensure that the associated curriculum framework and evaluation criteria committee includes representation from higher education faculty with relevant subject matter expertise, and would authorize the Intersegmental Committee of the Academic Senates to nominate 2 faculty from California public institutions of higher education for consideration to serve on the relevant curriculum framework and evaluation criteria committee.

SB 1491 (Eggman)**Amended:** 5/16/2024**Title:** Postsecondary Education: Equity in Higher Education Act**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would require each community college district (CCD) and California State University (CSU) to designate an employee at each of their respective campuses as a point of contact for the needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, asexual, pansexual, transgender, gender-nonconforming, intersex, and two-spirit faculty, staff, and students at the respective campus. The bill would require the point of contact to be a confidential employee and would require each CCD and CSU to adopt and publish policies on harassment, intimidation, and bullying and include these policies within the rules and regulations governing student behavior. The bill would also require the California Student Aid Commission, beginning with the 2026-27 school year, to provide written notice to students who receive state financial aid whether their college or university has a religious school exemption from Title IX.

School Safety and Student Discipline

AB 1818 (Jackson)*Amended:** 7/3/2024**Title:** Public Postsecondary Education: Overnight Student Parking: Pilot Program**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee**Position:** Oppose**Summary:**

This bill would require, contingent upon an appropriation, the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) and the California State University Chancellor's Office to each establish a pilot program to allow overnight parking on campuses by eligible students.

For the community college pilot program, the bill would require the CCCCCO to determine a plan for implementing the pilot and to choose 20 campuses to participate in the pilot. The bill requires the plan to include a form that an eligible student seeking to access the overnight facilities must complete, information about monitoring of overnight parking for safety, and procedures for reporting and responding to threats, the designation of one or more parking areas on each pilot campus, overnight parking rules, and other requirements. The bill defines an eligible student as a student that attends a pilot campus, is enrolled in coursework, has paid enrollment fees, and is in good standing. The bill also requires the plan to provide an authorization that allows a student from any campus in a community college district to use the parking area of the pilot campus, provided that the participating student applies for an overnight parking permit. The bill specifies that if a participating campus implements overnight parking that complies with the bill's provisions, then it would not be held civilly liable for a campus employee's good faith act or omission that fails to prevent an injury to a participating student that occurs in, or in close proximity to, and during the hours of operation of, overnight parking. This immunity does not apply to gross negligence, intentional misconduct, or violations of other provisions of law.

AB 1841 (Weber)**Amended:** 6/10/2024**Title:** Student Safety: Opioid Overdose Reversal Medication: Student Housing Facilities**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would require each community college district (CCD) and the Trustees of the California State University (CSU) to notify students of the presence and location of fentanyl test strips and opioid overdose reversal medication, and to require that each campus train all students who live on campus on the use of opioid overdose reversal medication during student orientation for each academic semester or term. The bill would also require the governing board of each CCD and the Trustees of the CSU to distribute, at the beginning of each academic semester or term, two doses of a federally approved opioid overdose reversal medication obtained through the Naloxone Distribution Project to each university- or college-affiliated student housing facility, to be maintained by the university- or college-affiliated student housing facility. The bill would prohibit disciplinary measures from being imposed for any violation of the institution's student conduct policy regarding drug possession, use, or treatment that occurs at or near the time of an incident where a residential advisor, resident, or house manager administers a dose of a federally approved opioid overdose reversal medication.

AB 2193 (Holden)*Amended:** 7/3/2024**Title:** Hazing: Educational Institutions: Prohibition and Civil Liability: Reports and Resources**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee**Position:** Oppose**Summary:**

This bill would expressly prohibit a person from being subjected to hazing in any program or activity conducted by an educational institution that receives, or benefits from, state financial assistance or enrolls students who receive state student financial aid. The bill would, beginning January 1, 2026, additionally authorize a person against whom hazing is directed on or after January 1, 2026, to commence a civil action against an educational institution if (1) the institution has direct involvement in the hazing practice of the organization, or knew or should have known of the hazing practice and failed to take reasonable steps to stop the hazing practice, and (2) the organization involved in the hazing is affiliated with the educational institution at the time of the alleged hazing incident. For purposes of determining whether an educational institution "knew or should have known of the hazing practice and failed to take reasonable steps to stop the hazing practice of the organization," the bill would establish a rebuttable presumption that an educational institution took reasonable steps to address hazing if the educational institution had taken specified antihazing measures.

AB 2407 (Hart)**Amended:** 6/18/2024**Title:** Public Postsecondary Educational Institutions: Sexual Harassment Complaints: State Audits**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee—Suspense File**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would require the California State Auditor to, by September 1, 2028, and every five years thereafter, until January 1, 2044, report the results of an audit of a sample of no less than three community college districts (CCDs) and would require the findings of those audits to be reported to specified legislative committees. The bill would require the audits to evaluate whether each CCD's policies and practices are adequate to detect, address, and prevent the reoccurrence of sexual harassment.

AB 2608 (Gabriel)**Amended:** 4/18/2024**Title:** Postsecondary Education: Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment: Training**Status:** To Enrollment**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would require the California Community Colleges, the California State University, and independent institutions of higher education and private postsecondary educational institutions that receive state financial assistance to, by September 1, 2026, and biennially thereafter, consider updating the annual sexual violence and sexual harassment training for students. The bill would also require the annual sexual violence and sexual harassment training, beginning on September 1, 2026, to include additional topics, including how to recognize if someone is at risk of alcohol- and drug-facilitated sexual assault.

SB 1287 (Glazer)**Amended:** 7/3/2024**Title:** Public Postsecondary Education: Equity in Higher Education Act: Prohibition on Violence, Harassment, Intimidation, and Discrimination**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would state that community college districts (CCDs) have the primary responsibility to prevent and address conduct that either creates a hostile environment for students on campus or results in differential treatment of students on campus. The bill would require each CCD to adopt rules and procedures to prohibit violent, harassing, intimidating, or discriminatory conduct that creates a hostile environment on campus, to prohibit conduct that limits or denies a person's ability to participate in the free exchange of ideas or the educational mission of the segment, and to establish and require each campus to publish on their websites reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions and, if applicable, any advance permitting requirements for protests on campus. The bill would require the CCDs to develop mandatory training programs to educate students on what constitutes violent, harassing, intimidating, or discriminatory conduct that creates a hostile environment on campus, the procedures for investigating violations of the student code of conduct, when and where protests and gatherings may be held, as specified, and on how to exchange views in an atmosphere of mutual respect and civility.

State Budget and Education Finance

[AB 107 \(Gabriel\)](#)

Amended: 6/8/2024

Title: Budget Act of 2024

Status: Signed by the Governor, Chapter 22, Statutes of 2024

Position:

Summary:

This is the main State Budget bill for fiscal year 2024-25.

[SB 108 \(Wiener\)](#)

Amended: 6/22/2024

Title: Budget Act of 2024

Status: Signed by the Governor, Chapter 35, Statutes of 2024

Position:

Summary:

This bill reflects the State Budget agreement reached between the Newsom Administration and legislative leadership that will make changes to the main State Budget bill, AB 107.

[SB 154 \(Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review\)](#)

Amended: 6/10/2024

Title: Education Finance: Proposition 98: Suspension

Status: Signed by the Governor, Chapter 27, Statutes of 2024

Position:

Summary:

This bill would suspend the Proposition 98 minimum guarantee for K-14 education in 2023-24. Specifically, this bill would do the following:

- Make findings and declarations that the Proposition 98 minimum funding obligation for school districts and community colleges in 2023-24 exceeds the state's available revenues for this purpose in 2023-24
- Invoke the provision of the California Constitution that allows the Legislature to suspend the Proposition 98 minimum required funding obligation for K-14 education in 2023-24
- Specify the amount of funds counted towards the minimum funding obligation that will be provided to K-14 education in 2023-24 is \$98.484 billion

SB 155 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review)

Amended: 6/22/2024

Title: Higher Education Budget Trailer Bill

Status: Signed by the Governor, Chapter 71, Statutes of 2024

Position:

Summary:

This is the higher education budget trailer bill for the 2024-25 State Budget package. SB 155 does the following:

- Establishes the Rebuilding Nursing Infrastructure Grant Program to expand nursing programs and partnerships
- Establishes the financing structure for a statewide lease revenue bond program to support the construction of 13 community college affordable student housing facilities selected in the Budget Acts of 2022 and 2023
- Extends the deadline for returning and continuing students to submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid and receive a Middle Class Scholarship award for the 2024-25 award year from May 2, 2024 to July 1, 2024
- Increases the reimbursement rate for the Part-Time Faculty Office Hours Program from 50% to 90% to encourage increased usage of the program by community college districts, provide office hours, and incentivize spending of funds
- Requires the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) to use the three-year cohort default rate from 2020 (instead of the most recent rate) to determine whether an institution is eligible to participate in the Cal Grant program in the 2024-25 award year
- Removes CSAC's authority to establish an auxiliary organization for the purpose of providing operational and administrative services for the participation by the commission in the Federal Family Education Loan Program
- Requires the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office to report on projected district-by-district funding levels for next three years, summer enrollment data, changes over time related to performance metrics, and projections based on potential changes to the supplemental allocation

Student Services

AB 274 (Bryan)

Amended: 9/8/2023

Title: CalWorks: CalFresh: Eligibility: Income Exclusions

Status: Senate Floor—Inactive File

Position:

Summary:

This bill would exempt grants, awards, scholarships, loans, or fellowship benefits used for educational purposes from income considerations when determining eligibility for the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) and would expand CalFresh eligibility by requiring the California Department of Social Services to use Temporary Assistance for Needy Families eligibility requirements to determine CalFresh eligibility.

AB 456 (Maienschein)**Amended:** 5/30/2024**Title:** Public Postsecondary Education: Campus Mental Health Hotlines: Report**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee—Suspense File**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would require the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) and the Chancellor of the California State University (CSU), by January 1, 2026, to develop a plan to make a campus mental health hotline that is operated by an organization with the expertise in student mental health available to students on their respective campuses. The bill would also require the CCCCCO and CSU Chancellor to, by January 1, 2026, each submit a report to the Legislature on the above-mentioned plan and on the other types of campus mental health hotlines that campuses make available to students.

AB 1524 (Lowenthal)**Amended:** 9/1/2023**Title:** Postsecondary Education: On-Campus Access to Drug Testing Devices**Status:** Senate Floor—Inactive File**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would require community college districts and the California State University to stock an adequate supply of drug testing devices that are available and accessible, free of charge, at no fewer than one designated and accessible location on each campus and post a notice on these requirements in a prominent and conspicuous location in all restrooms.

AB 1575 (Irwin)**Amended:** 5/21/2024**Title:** Public Postsecondary Education: Students Codes of Conduct: Advisers**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would authorize students who receive a disciplinary notification the right to have an adviser of their choosing and requires postsecondary education institutions to provide trainings for the aforementioned adviser.

AB 2033 (Reyes)**Amended:** 7/3/2024**Title:** Public Postsecondary Education: Electronic Benefits Transfer Cards: Basic Needs Services and Resources**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would require, by September 1, 2025, each campus of the California Community Colleges and California State University, if it has a general store or a store that sells food on campus, to identify and apply for at least one general store or a store that sells food on campus to become an authorized retail food store under SNAP and, if approved, ensure the store or stores accept the use of EBT cards. This bill would also require each community college campus, by September 1, 2025, to update the basic needs services and resources document to include the United States Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service's "SNAP Retail Locator" Internet website link.

AB 2403 (Bonta)**Amended:** 3/20/2024**Title:** Community Colleges: Student Equity Plan**Status:** Senate Floor—Third Reading**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would require a student equity plan to include a description of the active involvement of all groups on campus in developing the student equity plan for each community college in the community college district.

AB 2458 (Berman)**Amended:** 5/16/2024**Title:** Public Postsecondary Education: Student Parents**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee—Suspense File**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would require each community college and California State University campus to, by the start of the 2026-27 academic year, develop and implement a campus policy for estimating and adjusting cost of attendance information for student parents, establish a data field in the campus's data management information system to identify student parents for certain purposes, and update its campus net price calculator to include a baseline student parent cost estimate.

AB 2821 (Grayson)**Amended:** 6/12/2024**Title:** Postsecondary Education: Students With Disabilities**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would require the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to develop, by January 1, 2026, a Disability Access and Compliance Training Program for California Community College campuses that meets prescribed requirements, and would require the Chancellor and community college districts (CCDs) to collaborate to develop specified training components. The bill would require CCDs, by the start of the 2026–27 academic year, to include the Disability Access and Compliance Training Program within existing college personnel training and onboarding.

Tuition and Fees

AB 1885 (Addis)**Title:** Student Success Completion Grant Program**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would require each participating community college in the Student Success Completion Grant Program to award \$1,298 per semester (or the quarterly equivalent) to eligible students who enroll in nine or more units per semester (or the quarterly equivalent number of units) who are considered full-time as part of a disabled student programs and services Academic Accommodation Plan.

AB 2093 (Santiago)*Amended:** 6/27/2024**Title:** Community Colleges: California College Promise: Fee Waiver Eligibility**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would extend the term of eligibility of the California College Promise for an additional two academic years for first-time community college students and returning community college students who matriculate into upper division coursework of a community college baccalaureate degree program.

AB 3015 (Ramos)*Amended:** 7/2/2024**Title:** Public Postsecondary Education: Exemption From Nonresident Tuition and Fees: Federally Recognized Indian Tribes**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would entitle a student to resident classification only for the purpose of determining tuition and fees if the student is a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe whose tribal land lies across the state border of California and Arizona, Nevada, or Oregon, and the student has a residence in the bordering state. If the Regents of the University of California, the Trustees of the California State University, or the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges enter into an interstate tuition and fee agreement between (1) a respective campus that enrolls students who meet the criteria for resident classification and (2) an out-of-state regionally accredited public postsecondary institution located in the bordering state where those enrolled students reside, the bill would require those agreements to provide for reciprocal benefits for students whose tribal land lies across the state border of California and Arizona, Nevada, or Oregon, but whose residence is in California.

AB 3158 (Berman)**Title:** Community Colleges: West Valley-Mission Community College District**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would permit the governing board of the West Valley-Mission Community College District (CCD) to adopt a policy to use local unrestricted general funds to provide fee waivers for students who have the greatest financial need, are living within the geographical attendance boundary for the district, and do not qualify for any other existing fee waivers provided by the California Community College (CCC) system. As part of the policy, West Valley-Mission CCD is required to prepare a fiscal impact statement including how the fee waiver will financially impact the district over a three-year period. The fiscal impact report will be presented at a public meeting of the governing board and will be made available to the public.

AB 3290 (Committee on Higher Education)*Amended:** 7/2/2024**Title:** Public Postsecondary Education**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee**Position:****Summary:**

Current law establishes uniform residency requirements for purposes of ascertaining the amount of tuition and fees to be paid by students of public postsecondary education institutions. Current law entitles a student to resident classification only for the purpose of determining tuition and fees if the student is a member of the Armed Forces of the United States stationed in the state, except a member of the Armed Forces that is assigned for educational purposes to a state-supported institution of higher education. This bill would delete that exception from resident classification, thereby extending resident classification to any student who is a member of the Armed Forces of the United States stationed in the state, regardless of whether the student is assigned for educational purposes to a state-supported institution of higher education.

SB 916 (Seyarto)**Amended:** 3/21/2024**Title:** Public Postsecondary Education: Waiver of Tuition and Fees: Veterans: Extended Education Courses**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee**Position:****Summary:**

Originally, this bill would have prohibited the campuses of all three segments of public postsecondary education from charging tuition or fees for specified students who enroll in an extended education course if certain requirements are satisfied, and the extended education course is being used to meet the requirements of an undergraduate degree program. However, the bill was amended to remove community colleges from the provisions of the bill since they do not offer the types of courses identified in the measure.

SB 971 (Portantino)**Amended:** 5/16/2024**Title:** Community Colleges: Exemption From Nonresident Tuition Fee: Resident of a Region Impacted by War or Regional Conflict**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would allow Glendale Community College and two other colleges selected by the Chancellor's Office to exempt from nonresident tuition fees a low-income student who is a resident of a region impacted by war or regional conflict and limits the number of students who may be exempted in any given academic year to no more than 150 full-time equivalent students at a community college.