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[AB 2057 \(Berman\)](#)

Amended: 8/15/2024

Title: Associate Degree for Transfer

Status: Signed by the Governor, Chapter 696, Statutes of 2024

Position:

Summary:

This bill extends the Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) Intersegmental Implementation Committee by two years. This bill further requires that the transfer model curricula used to develop ADTs be submitted to the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office for high-unit science, technology, engineering, and mathematics majors by January 1, 2025. This bill requires that the ADT Intersegmental Committee report to the Legislature on actions taken, milestones achieved, and progress in closing equity gaps by race and ethnicity in transfer outcomes.

[SB 1244 \(Newman\)](#)

Amended: 8/22/2024

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

Status: Signed by the Governor, Chapter 789, Statutes of 2024

Position:

Summary:

This bill requires a community college district (CCD) to allow an existing College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP) agreement to be amended, or a new CCAP agreement to be established with a school district or county office of education (COE) and a CCD outside of the primary CCD's service area, if the primary CCD has declined a request from the school district or COE, or has failed to take action within 60 calendar days of a request by the school district or COE, to either amend into the existing CCAP partnership the requested courses, or to approve another CCD to enter into a CCAP partnership to offer those courses.

College & Career

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

Amended: 3/21/2024

Title: California Community Colleges Economic and Workforce Development Program

Status: Signed by the Governor, Chapter 430, Statutes of 2024

Position:

Summary:

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

Employees

[AB 810 \(Friedman\)](#)

Amended: 8/23/2024

Title: Postsecondary Education: Hiring Practices: Academic, Athletic, and Administrative Appointments

Status: Signed by the Governor, Chapter 673, Statutes of 2024

Position:

Summary:

The bill requires the California Community Colleges and the California State University to implement a policy of requiring potential employees for academic, athletic, and administrative positions to disclose whether they have been the subject of a finding of sexual harassment and to permit the institution to contact past employers to inquire whether the applicant had any substantiated allegations of misconduct.

[AB 1905 \(Addis\)](#)

Amended: 8/15/2024

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Employment: Settlements, Informal Resolutions, and Retreat Rights

Status: Signed by the Governor, Chapter 813, Statutes of 2024

Position:

Summary:

This bill requires public postsecondary educational institutions, as a condition of receiving state financial assistance, to adopt a written policy containing certain provisions, including a provision prohibiting a supervisor or administrator from providing an official letter of recommendation if the employee is the respondent in a sexual harassment complaint and the employee (1) is determined in a final administrative decision to have committed sexual harassment, (2) resigns from their current position before a final administrative decision is made, or (3) enters into a settlement with the public postsecondary educational institution. The bill requires public postsecondary educational institutions, as a condition of receiving state financial assistance, to adopt a written policy on settlements and informal resolutions of complaints of sexual harassment in cases where the respondent is an employee of the public postsecondary educational institution and would require the written policy to include, among other things, a provision that requires specified approvals for all offers of sexual harassment settlements and informal resolutions.

[AB 1997 \(McKinnor\)](#)

Amended: 4/1/2024

Title: Teachers' Retirement Law

Status: Signed by the Governor, Chapter 690, Statutes of 2024

Position:

Summary:

This bill makes 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 redefines "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 2123 (Papan)**Amended:** 7/3/2024**Title:** Disability Compensation: Paid Family Leave**Status:** Signed by the Governor, Chapter 949, Statutes of 2023**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 makes 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:** Signed by the Governor, Chapter 381, Statutes of 2024**Position:****Summary:**

This bill requires 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 requires certificated employee time to be transferred in days.

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 2770 (Committee on Public Employment and Retirement)**Amended:** 3/11/2024**Title:** Public Employees' Retirement**Status:** Signed by the Governor, Chapter 117, Statutes of 2024**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 requires 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:** 8/15/2024**Title:** Public Postsecondary Education: Part-Time Faculty**Status:** Signed by the Governor, Chapter 418, Statutes of 2024**Position:****Summary:**

This bill revises 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 course schedule provided to students, faculty, and staff once they are assigned to a course. The bill also express's all of the community college part-time faculty preferences, with respect to part-time California State University faculty.

[AB 2931 \(Fong, Mike\)](#)**Amended:** 4/11/2024**Title:** Community Colleges: Classified Employees: Merit System: Part-Time Student-Tutors**Status:** Signed by the Governor, Chapter 422, Statutes of 2024**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 in a part-time college work-study program are exempt from this law. This bill additionally exempts 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:** Signed by the Governor, Chapter 425, Statutes of 2024**Position:****Summary:**

This bill broadens the definition of “voluntary local educational agencies” under the Classified Employee Staffing Ratio Workgroup to include community college districts. This bill requires the workgroup to group classified assignments for both K-12 and community colleges. The bill also requires 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 1090 (Durazo)**Amended:** 8/19/2024**Title:** Unemployment Insurance: Disability and Paid Family Leave: Claim Administration**Status:** Signed by the Governor, Chapter 876, Statutes of 2024**Position:****Summary:**

This bill authorizes 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. These provisions would be operative when the changes are incorporated in the Employment Development Department's integrated claims management system as part of the EDDNext project.

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:** Signed by the Governor, Chapter 349, Statutes of 2024**Position:****Summary:**

This bill extends 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: Signed by the Governor, Chapter 921, Statutes of 2024

Position:

Summary:

This bill requires 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 3116 (Garcia)

Amended: 8/23/2024

Title: Housing Development: Density Bonuses: Student Housing Developments

Status: Signed by the Governor, Chapter 432, Statutes of 2024

Position:

Summary:

This bill defines “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 authorizes units in the student housing development to be used for undergraduate, graduate, or professional students enrolled currently or in the past six months in at least six units at an institution of higher learning.

SB 312 (Wiener)

Amended: 7/3/2024

Title: California Environmental Quality Act: University Housing Development Projects: Exemption

Status: Signed by the Governor, Chapter 284, Statutes of 2024

Position:

Summary:

This bill extends the application of the university housing development project exemption until January 1, 2032. This bill also requires 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 authorizes a public university to obtain two extensions for this LEED certification compliance requirement in six-month increments, as provided. The bill prohibits 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 1887 \(Cervantes\)](#)

Amended: 3/13/2024

Title: Student Financial Aid: Application Deadlines: Extension

Status: Signed by the Governor, Chapter 5, Statutes of 2024

Position:

Summary:

This is an urgency bill that extends by one month, from April 2, 2024, to May 2, 2024, the application deadline for financial aid programs administered by the Student Aid Commission.

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

Amended: 5/16/2024

Title: Student Financial Aid: Application Deadlines: Postponement

Status: Signed by the Governor, Chapter 404, Statutes of 2024

Position:

Summary:

This bill requires 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 authorizes the commission to grant, without submission of a formal request, a deadline postponement for certain qualifying events. The bill instead authorizes the commission, on a permanent basis, to delegate the authority to grant a deadline postponement to the director of the commission. The bill extends 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 requires 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.

Governance and District Operations

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

Title: Open Meetings: Local Agencies: Teleconferences

Status: Signed by the Governor, Chapter 389, Statutes of 2024

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 revises 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 2715 \(Boerner\)](#)**Amended:** 4/24/2024**Title:** Ralph M. Brown Act: Closed Sessions**Status:** Signed by the Governor, Chapter 243, Statutes of 2024**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 additionally authorizes 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:** Signed by the Governor, Chapter 362, Statutes of 2024**Position:****Summary:**

This bill, until January 1, 2030, authorizes 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.

[SB 1183 \(Hurtado\)](#)**Amended:** 6/20/2024**Title:** Community Colleges: Registered Nursing Programs**Status:** Signed by the Governor, Chapter 786, Statutes of 2024**Position:****Summary:**

This bill adds 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 explicitly references the various languages of the African continent as languages that may be identified by the chancellor as high-frequency languages. The bill extends the operation of these provisions relating to admission to community college nursing programs until January 1, 2030.

Miscellaneous

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

Amended: 8/26/2024

Title: CalFresh: Data

Status: Signed by the Governor, Chapter 910, Statutes of 2024

Position:

Summary:

This bill was gutted and amended from a bill looking to expand eligibility for the Paid Family Leave program to one that requires the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to develop a methodology to estimate the CalFresh participation rate in California and identify characteristics of Californians who are eligible for CalFresh benefits, but not receiving benefits. The bill also requires the CDSS to identify data-sharing opportunities with other state and local public entities.

[AB 1855 \(Arambula\)](#)

Amended: 5/21/2024

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

Status: Signed by the Governor, Chapter 232, Statutes of 2024

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 authorizes 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: 8/15/2024

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

Status: Signed by the Governor, Chapter 827, Statutes of 2024

Position:

Summary:

This bill delineates 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 also requires 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 delineates 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 requires the California Community Colleges 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 2925 (Friedman)**Amended:** 8/23/2024**Title:** Postsecondary Education: Equity in Higher Education Act: Prohibition on Discrimination: Training**Status:** Signed by the Governor, Chapter 844, Statutes of 2024**Position:****Summary:**

This bill provides 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 requires 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.

SB 1166 (Dodd)**Amended:** 8/19/2024**Title:** Public Postsecondary Education: Sex Discrimination Reports**Status:** Signed by the Governor, Chapter 883, Statutes of 2024**Position:****Summary:**

This bill requires the California Community Colleges, by December 1, 2026, and by each December 1 every three years 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 requires the Chancellor's Office of the California Community Colleges to post the annual reports on its respective Internet website. This bill also requires, 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 requires each CCD to post certain 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:** 8/19/2024**Title:** Postsecondary Education: Designation of California Black-Serving Institutions**Status:** Signed by the Governor, Chapter 627, Statutes of 2024**Position:****Summary:**

This bill establishes 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 creates a governing board composed of certain members, to approve or deny initial and renewal applications to receive this designation. The bill requires 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 as well as presenting applications to the governing board. The bill makes an initial and renewal award for this designation valid for five years.

SB 1491 (Eggman)**Amended:** 5/16/2024**Title:** Postsecondary Education: Equity in Higher Education Act**Status:** Signed by the Governor, Chapter 490, Statutes of 2024**Position:****Summary:**

This bill requires 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 requires the point of contact to be a confidential employee and requires 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 also requires 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 1841 (Weber)**Amended:** 8/19/2024**Title:** Student Safety: Opioid Overdose Reversal Medication: Student Housing Facilities**Status:** Signed by the Governor, Chapter 942, Statutes of 2024**Position:****Summary:**

This bill requires each community college district (CCD) and the Trustees of the California State University (CSU) to notify students of the presence and location of opioid overdose reversal medication and that each residential advisor and house manager, or the equivalent position, has received opioid overdose prevention and treatment training. The bill requires 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 also requires the governing board of each CCD and the Trustees of the CSU to require each campus health center located on a campus within their respective segments 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.

AB 2193 (Holden)**Amended:** 8/15/2024**Title:** Hazing: Educational Institutions: Prohibition and Civil Liability: Reports and Resources**Status:** Signed by the Governor, Chapter 704, Statutes of 2024**Position:** Oppose**Summary:**

This bill expressly prohibits 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, beginning January 1, 2026, additionally authorizes 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 establishes a rebuttable presumption that an educational institution took reasonable steps to address hazing if the educational institution had taken specified antihazing measures. Recent amendments clarify that the bill is perspective and applies to incidents alleged to have occurred on or after January 1, 2026.

AB 2407 (Hart)**Amended:** 6/18/2024**Title:** Public Postsecondary Educational Institutions: Sexual Harassment Complaints: State Audits**Status:** Signed by the Governor, Chapter 830, Statutes of 2024**Position:****Summary:**

This bill requires 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 requires the findings of those audits to be reported to specified legislative committees. The bill requires 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:** Signed by the Governor, Chapter 110, Statutes of 2024**Position:****Summary:**

This bill requires 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 also requires 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.

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.

[AB 157 \(Gabriel\)](#)

Amended: 8/24/2024

Title: Budget Act of 2024

Status: Signed by the Governor, Chapter 994, Statutes of 2024

Position:

Summary:

This bill makes various changes to the 2024-25 Enacted Budget, both significant and minor. Relevant to the California Community Colleges, Assembly Bill 157 provides a cost-of-living adjustment for the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids and Extended Opportunity Programs and Services categorical programs, which was inadvertently left out of the June budget.

[AB 158 \(Gabriel\)](#)

Amended: 8/23/2024

Title: Budget Acts of 2022 and 2023

Status: Signed by the Governor, Chapter 994, Statutes of 2024

Position:

Summary:

This bill makes various changes to the 2022-23 and 2023-24 Enacted Budgets, both significant and minor. Relevant to the California Community Colleges (CCC), Assembly Bill 158 adjusts the funding needed to cover debt service costs for CCC student housing projects.

AB 176 (Committee on Budget)

Amended: 8/24/2024

Title: Education Finance: Education Omnibus Trailer Bill

Status: Signed by the Governor, Chapter 998, Statutes of 2024

Position:

Summary:

This bill makes various changes to the 2024-25 Enacted Budget, both significant and minor. Relevant to the California Community Colleges, Assembly Bill 176:

- Increases the number of Rising Scholars Programs that can be funded to 65 (from the current cap of 50) and allows for funding prioritization for programs that show improvement in achieving the student outcome goals
- Allows the California Community Colleges Board of Governors to prioritize funding for capital outlay projects in 2025-26 that address campus facility safety concerns regarding the use of concrete “lift slab”
- Makes changes to several reporting requirements for the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office, including moving the deadline for some reports

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 suspends the Proposition 98 minimum guarantee for K-14 education in 2023-24. Specifically, this bill does the following:

- Makes 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
- Invokes 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
- Specifies 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 1524 (Lowenthal)

Amended: 8/20/2024

Title: Postsecondary Education: On-Campus Access to Drug Testing Devices

Status: Signed by the Governor, Chapter 679, Statutes of 2024

Position:

Summary:

This bill requires community college districts and the California State University to stock drug testing devices that are available and accessible, free of charge, in the health center located on each campus and to post a notice on these requirements in a prominent and conspicuous location.

[AB 1575 \(Irwin\)](#)**Amended:** 8/23/2024**Title:** Public Postsecondary Education: Students Codes of Conduct: Advisers**Status:** Signed by the Governor, Chapter 808, Statutes of 2024**Position:****Summary:**

This bill authorizes 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:** Signed by the Governor, Chapter 913, Statutes of 2024**Position:****Summary:**

This bill requires, 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 also requires 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:** Signed by the Governor, Chapter 715, Statutes of 2024**Position:****Summary:**

This bill requires 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:** 8/15/2024**Title:** Public Postsecondary Education: Student Parents**Status:** Signed by the Governor, Chapter 962, Statutes of 2024**Position:****Summary:**

This bill requires the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office and California State University (CSU) Chancellor's Office to, by July 31, 2025, develop and disseminate a model policy to estimate and adjust college cost of attendance information for student parents. It further requires each campus of the California Community Colleges and the CSU to take various steps to adjust the cost of attendance for student parents. Lastly, this bill requires certain information related to benefits for student parents to be included on college and university webpages.

AB 2821 (Grayson)**Amended:** 6/12/2024**Title:** Postsecondary Education: Students With Disabilities**Status:** Signed by the Governor, Chapter 905, Statutes of 2024**Position:****Summary:**

This bill requires 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 requires the Chancellor and community college districts (CCDs) to collaborate to develop specified training components. The bill requires 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:** Signed by the Governor, Chapter 685, Statutes of 2024**Position:****Summary:**

This bill requires 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 3158 (Berman)**Title:** Community Colleges: West Valley-Mission Community College District**Status:** Signed by the Governor, Chapter 435, Statutes of 2024**Position:****Summary:**

This bill permits 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: Signed by the Governor, Chapter 440, Statutes of 2024

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 deletes 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.

Vetoed Bills

Access

[AB 359 \(Holden\)](#)

Amended: 8/23/2024

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

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

Position:

Summary:

This bill would have significantly amended 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 have done the following:

- Clarified that a CCAP partnership may have offered dual enrollment for all pupils, and would have required that enrollment be prioritized for pupils who may not have been already college bound or who were underrepresented in higher education
- Authorized a community college district (CCD) to enter into a CCAP partnership with the governing board of a K-12 local educational agency (LEA) within the service area of another CCD under specified conditions
- Required, commencing with the 2030-31 academic year, a CCAP partnership agreement to certify that a pupil should have received credit for any completed community college courses if the course was part of a memorandum of understanding between the K-12 LEA and CCD and the course met specified conditions
- Changed the CCAP reporting requirement for an affected CCD and K-12 LEA by replacing the number of community college courses enrolled in by CCAP participants to the number of high school pupils who would have successfully completed 12 or more units of college coursework by graduation, completed a certificate, or completed the courses required for an associate degree or an associate degree for transfer
- Deleted the requirements (a) to consult with, and consider the input of, the appropriate local workforce development board for career technical education pathways provided under a partnership, and (b) that a CCAP partnership agreement certifies that any pretransfer-level course taught by a community college faculty at a partnering high school campus is offered only to high school pupils who do not meet their grade level standard in mathematics, English, or both
- Required existing CCAP partnership agreements to be amended to comply with the bill's requirements by the start of the 2030-31 academic year

The Governor's veto message states in part:

This bill makes various changes and clarifications related to the College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP) partnerships. Specifically, the bill clarifies that CCAP partnerships can offer dual enrollment opportunities to all pupils, removes CCAP requirements regarding consultation with local workforce boards, enables interested local educational agencies to enter into a CCAP agreement with a community college outside its service area, and clarifies that students should receive college credit for CCAP courses. While I support the author's goal of expanding access and removing barriers to dual enrollment opportunities, this bill creates significant General Fund costs that are not reflected in the state's current fiscal plan. In partnership with the Legislature this year, my Administration has enacted a balanced budget that avoids deep program cuts to vital

services and protected investments in education, health care, climate, public safety, housing, and social service programs that millions of Californians rely on. It is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications that are not included in the budget, such as this measure.

Employees

[AB 2088 \(McCarty\)](#)

Amended: 8/23/2024

Title: K-14 Classified Employees: Part-Time or Full-Time Vacancies: Public Postings

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

Position: Oppose

Summary:

This bill would have required K-14 employers to notice any vacancies for part-time and full-time classified positions to current regular non-probationary classified employees, and offer them first refusal over all applicants, except those on reemployment or voluntary demotion lists, during a ten-day notice period. This bill would have required current classified employee candidates to meet the position's minimum job qualifications at the time of their application and to apply within the specified ten-day notice period to qualify for the right of first refusal. It would have prohibited the employer from offering, but not advertising, the position to an external candidate until the ten-day notice period expires and no eligible employee candidate has applied.

The Governor's veto message states in part:

This bill requires school and community college employers, in both merit and non-merit districts, to offer part-time and full-time classified positions to current regular non-probationary classified employees a first refusal over all applicants, with specified exceptions, during a 10-day notice period. This bill allows the employer to advertise the position, but prohibits them from offering it to an external applicant until the 10-day notice period expires and no eligible employee candidate has applied. This bill is significantly similar to Assembly Bill 1699 of 2023, which I vetoed, and several of the same concerns remain. In particular, like Assembly Bill 1699, this bill may have unintended consequences that are not in the best interest of students. As noted previously, this issue is already bargainable and several local bargaining agreements have such provisions in place. Placing specific requirements in statute - as this bill does - may make it more difficult for local processes to develop an alternative that best meets the needs of the district, employees, and students.

AB 2277 (Wallis)**Amended:** 8/15/2024**Title:** Community Colleges: Part-Time Faculty**Status:** Vetoed by the Governor**Position:** Oppose**Summary:**

This bill would have required 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 have required 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 have required, in all cases, all workload (instructional time, office hours, and mandatory meetings) pertaining to 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.

The Governor's veto message states in part:

This bill requires community college districts on January 1, 2025, or no later than the expiration date of an existing part-time faculty collective bargaining agreement, to negotiate the terms of reemployment preference for part-time faculty assignments. Specifically, the bill redefines a part-time faculty's load as up to a range of 80 percent to 85 percent of what is assigned for full-time faculty, rather than 60 percent to 67 percent, unless otherwise explicitly agreed upon with individual part-time faculty. In 2021, I vetoed a bill substantially similar to this proposal. In that veto message, I acknowledged the enormous role that part-time community college faculty play across the system. I also conveyed that the proposal had significant ongoing cost pressures that are better addressed as part of the budget process, and I committed to proposing an alternative in a future budget. In the 2022 Budget Agreement, consistent with my commitment, funding for the part-time faculty health insurance program was increased by \$200 million ongoing. This bill continues to create unknown, but potentially significant costs or cost pressures in the millions to tens of millions of dollars. In partnership with the Legislature this year, my Administration has enacted a balanced budget that avoids deep program cuts to vital services and protected investments in education, health care, climate, public safety, housing, and social service programs that millions of Californians rely on. It is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications that are not included in the budget, such as this measure.

Instruction

AB 2104 (Soria)

Amended: 5/16/2024

Title: Community Colleges: Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

Position:

Summary:

This bill would have required the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) to develop a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program that authorized select community college districts (CCDs) to offer a Bachelor of Science in nursing degree. The pilot program would have been limited to ten CCDs statewide and would have required 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 professional
- 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 have been 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%.

AB 2104 would have also required 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.

The Governor's veto message states in part:

This bill requires the California Community Colleges (CCC) Chancellor's Office to establish, until January 1, 2031, a Community College Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program for purposes of authorizing 10 community college districts' (CCDs) nursing programs to offer a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. I support the author's intent to expand access to baccalaureate nursing degree programs in underserved communities. 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 Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) partnerships with higher education institutions. These types of 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 should continue to focus on building these programs together, and I am concerned this bill could inadvertently undermine that collaboration. Additionally, in recent years, both the CCC and the CSU have been provided with expanded authority to offer independent programs. Given these major changes, a pause should be taken to understand their full impact before additional authorities are granted.

SB 895 (Roth)**Amended:** 8/22/2024**Title:** Community Colleges: Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program**Status:** Vetoed by the Governor**Position:** Support**Summary:**

This bill would have required the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) to develop a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program that authorized select community college districts (CCDs) to offer a Bachelor of Science in nursing degree. The pilot program would have been limited to ten CCDs) statewide and would have required 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 have been limited to 25% of the CCD's associate degree in nursing class size. The bill would have also required 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.

The Governor's veto message state in part:

This bill requires the California Community Colleges (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 degree. I appreciate the author's commitment to expanding access to baccalaureate nursing degree programs for community college students. 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 Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) partnerships with higher education institutions. These types of 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 should continue to focus on building these programs together, and I am concerned this bill could inadvertently undermine that collaboration. Additionally, in recent years, both the CCC and the CSU have been provided with expanded authority to offer independent programs. Given these major changes, a pause should be taken to understand their full impact before additional authorities are granted.

Miscellaneous

[AB 2586 \(Alvarez\)](#)

Amended: 8/15/2024

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Student Employment

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

Position:

Summary:

This bill would have prohibited 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 have required the systems to implement the bill by January 6, 2025.

The Governor's veto message states in part:

This bill prohibits California public universities from disqualifying a student from employment due to their failure to provide proof of federal employment authorization. California has a proud history of being at the forefront of expanding opportunities for undocumented students who seek to realize their higher education dreams. Including immigrant students in opportunities to succeed through higher education is also important for local communities and California's economy. Since 2001, when the California DREAM Act (AB 540) was signed into law, the state has continually broadened access to financial aid opportunities and other supports for students who call California home, regardless of their immigration status. While I am proud of these efforts, I am unfortunately unable to sign this legislation at this time. Given the gravity of the potential consequences of this bill, which include potential criminal and civil liability for state employees, it is critical that the courts address the legality of such a policy and the novel legal theory behind this legislation before proceeding. Seeking declaratory relief in court - an option available to the University of California - would provide such clarity.

AB 2936 (Jackson)**Amended:** 8/15/2024**Title:** Higher Education Reconciliation Act**Status:** Vetoed by the Governor**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would have required the California Community Colleges (CCC) to develop and implement, within 18 months of an appropriation from the Legislature for this purpose, 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 have also required the CCC and California State University to use the recommendations contained in the report submitted by their respective interest holder workgroups as a basis for the development of the reconciliation master plan.

The Governor's veto message states in part:

This bill would require the California State University (CSU) to develop and implement a systemwide and campus-level reconciliation master plan, for use on each campus, to address cultural and political conflicts that arise on campus. The bill also requires the CSU to convene stakeholder workgroups and submit a report with recommendations on responding to cultural and political conflicts that arise on campus. This bill requests the same actions of the University of California (UC) and applies these provisions to the California Community Colleges upon appropriation. I take seriously the rise of incidents at our institutions of higher education that have left students feeling unsafe and created a culture of intolerance and hostility on campus. Earlier this year, my Administration released the Golden State Plan to Counter Antisemitism, as part of the state's broader Anti-Hate agenda and California's ongoing efforts to protect all communities from acts of bigotry and violence. In this plan, I urged campuses to strengthen student codes of conduct, enforce campus safety policies, and cultivate spaces for affinity and dialogue amid rising conflicts. In addition, the 2024 Budget Act requires every CSU and UC campus to annually prepare a campus climate action notification by the beginning of the Fall 2024 term. This notification, among other elements, must include how the campus intends to foster healthy discourse and bring together campus community members and ideologically differing viewpoints, in order to best promote the educational mission of the institution and the exchange of ideas in a safe and peaceful manner. The CSU and the UC are required to submit a report outlining the campus climate action notifications by October 1 of this year. Although this bill is well intended, it is premature to require new working groups that would develop new reports and master plans prior to evaluating the outcomes of these pending actions.

SB 1411 (Ochoa Bogh)**Amended:** 8/22/2024**Title:** Instructional Quality Commission: Curriculum Framework and Evaluation Criteria Committee: Higher Education Faculty Representation**Status:** Vetoed by the Governor**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would have required the Instructional Quality Commission, when it revises a curriculum framework in mathematics or science, to ensure representation from higher education faculty with relevant subject-matter expertise on the associated curriculum framework and evaluation criteria committee (CFCC), and authorized the Intersegmental Committee of the Academic Senates to nominate two faculty from California public institutions of higher education for consideration to serve on the relevant CFCC.

The Governor's veto message states in part:

This bill requires the Instructional Quality Commission (IQC), when it revises a curriculum framework in mathematics or science, to ensure representation from higher education faculty with relevant subject matter expertise on the associated Curriculum Framework and Evaluation Criteria Committee (CFCC). It also authorizes the Intersegmental Committee of the Academic Senates (ICAS) to nominate two faculty from California public institutions of higher education for consideration to serve on the relevant CFCC. Strong collaborations between higher education and K-12 regarding state curriculum guidance and decision-making, including requirements for secondary course offerings and university admissions, are consistent with the State's goal to ensure successful student transitions to college and career. However, this bill is unnecessary, as higher education content experts have been represented on the CFCC. Further, this bill seeks to insert a nomination process relating to committee selection that strays from the established competitive application process that provides equal opportunity for all qualified individuals, including representatives of ICAS, to apply for consideration.

Student Services

[AB 274 \(Bryan\)](#)

Amended: 8/23/2024

Title: CalWORKs: CalFresh: Eligibility: Income Exclusions

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

Position:

Summary:

This bill would have exempted 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 have expanded CalFresh eligibility by requiring the California Department of Social Services to use Temporary Assistance for Needy Families eligibility requirements to determine CalFresh eligibility.

The Governor's veto message states in part:

This bill would exempt any grant, award, scholarship, loan, or fellowship benefit received from consideration as income for purposes of determining eligibility for California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) and CalFresh. I appreciate the author's intent to support low-income individuals participating in educational programs. However, this bill does not limit the benefits identified to those used for educational purposes, which is out of compliance with federal laws. Further, this bill would result in ongoing costs in the millions of dollars annually, which should be considered in the budget process. In partnership with the Legislature this year, my Administration has enacted a balanced budget that avoids deep program cuts to vital services and protected investments in education, health care, climate, public safety, housing, and social service programs that millions of Californians rely on. It is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications that are not included in the budget, such as this measure.

Tuition and Fees

[AB 2093 \(Santiago\)](#)

Amended: 8/15/2024

Title: Community Colleges: California College Promise: Fee Waiver Eligibility

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

Position:

Summary:

This bill would have authorized extending 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 matriculated into upper division coursework of a community college baccalaureate degree program.

The Governor's veto message states in part:

This bill extends the California College Promise program's potential term of eligibility by 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. I admire the author's commitment to college affordability. Unfortunately, this bill could create significant ongoing and increasing General Fund cost pressures and was not included in the 2024 Budget Act. Further, community college students pursuing baccalaureate degrees may receive a California College Promise Grant, a Cal Grant, or a Middle Class Scholarship award if they meet eligibility requirements. In partnership with the Legislature this year, my Administration has enacted a balanced budget that avoids deep program cuts to vital services and protected investments in education, health care, climate, public safety, housing, and social service programs that millions of Californians rely on. It is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications that are not included in the budget, such as this measure.

SB 971 (Portantino)**Amended:** 8/22/2024**Title:** Community Colleges: Exemption From Nonresident Tuition Fee: Resident of a Region Impacted by War or Regional Conflict**Status:** Vetoed by the Governor**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would have allowed a community college in either the Glendale Community College District or the Contra Costa Community College District 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 75 full-time equivalent students at a community college.

The Governor's veto message states in part:

This bill allows Glendale Community College District and the Contra Costa Community College District to exempt up to 75 full-time equivalent, low-income students from nonresident tuition fees who are residents of a region impacted by war or regional conflict. I appreciate the author's commitment to college affordability for individuals living in his district. However, this bill creates both Proposition 98 General Fund and non-Proposition 98 General Fund costs that were not accounted for in the 2024 Budget Act and could generate potentially significant future cost pressures. Notably, individuals impacted by war or conflict may already qualify for one or more of the existing exemption categories. In partnership with the Legislature this year, my Administration has enacted a balanced budget that avoids deep program cuts to vital services and protected investments in education, health care, climate, public safety, housing, and social service programs that millions of Californians rely on. It is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications that are not included in the budget, such as this measure.

Dead Bills

Access

[AB 2019 \(Hoover\)](#)

Amended: 6/27/2024

Title: Early and Middle College High Schools and Programs

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee—Suspense File—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

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.

College & Career

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

Amended: 7/5/2023

Title: Career Technical Education: Nursing Pathway Pilot Program

Status: Senate Desk—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

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 school sites. 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.

Employees

[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—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

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 2167 \(Cervantes\)](#)

Amended: 6/18/2024

Title: Unemployment Insurance: Disability: Paid Family Leave

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee—Suspense File—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

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 2421 \(Low\)](#)

Amended: 6/17/2024

Title: Employer-Employee Relations: Confidential Communications

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee—Suspense File—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

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—Suspense File—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline**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 2901 (Aguiar-Curry)**Amended:** 8/23/2024**Title:** School and Community College Employees: Paid Disability and Parental Leave**Status:** Senate Floor—Third Reading—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline**Position:****Summary:**

Commencing on January 1, 2028, and contingent upon an appropriation, this 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 prorate the provided 14 weeks for part-time employees.

Facilities

AB 2707 (Fong, Mike)**Amended:** 5/16/2024**Title:** Community Colleges: Student Housing: Study**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee—Suspense File—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline**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.

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—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

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.

Financial Aid

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—Suspense File—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

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 2507 (Friedman)

Amended: 8/5/2024

Title: Student Financial Aid: Students at Risk of Homelessness Emergency Pilot Program

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee—Suspense File—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

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 the University of California, Los Angeles; the University of California, Merced; 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 that 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.

Governance and District Operations

[AB 2557 \(Ortega\)](#)

Amended: 7/3/2024

Title: Local Agencies: Contracts for Special Services and Temporary Help: Performance Reports

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee—Suspense File—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

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.

Instruction

[AB 2044 \(Chen\)](#)

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

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee—Suspense File—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

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.

Miscellaneous

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

Amended: 6/6/2024

Title: California Food Assistance Program: Eligibility and Benefits

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee—Suspense File—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

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—Suspense File—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline**Position:** Oppose**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 2349 (Wilson)**Amended:** 3/6/2024**Title:** Public Postsecondary Education: Cal-Bridge Program**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee—Suspense File—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline**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—Suspense File—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline**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.

ACA 7 (Jackson)**Amended:** 7/3/2024**Title:** Government Preferences: Programs: Exceptions**Status:** Senate Judiciary Committee—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline**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.

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—Suspense File—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline**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.

Student Services

[AB 456 \(Maienschein\)](#)

Amended: 5/30/2024

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Campus Mental Health Hotlines: Report

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee—Suspense File—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

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.

Tuition and Fees

[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—Suspense File—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

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.

SB 916 (Seyarto)

Amended: 3/21/2024

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Waiver of Tuition and Fees: Veterans: Extended Education Courses

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee—Suspense File—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

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.