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Access

[AB 1858 \(Lowenthal\)](#)

Title: California Community Colleges and California State University: Joint Associate Degree Pilot Program

Status: Assembly Desk

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require, contingent upon an appropriation, the California Community Colleges and California State University (CSU) Chancellors to establish a pilot program offering a jointly conferred associate degree in general education studies for former CSU students who completed qualifying coursework but did not earn a degree. The bill would require participation by Long Beach City College and CSU Long Beach, authorize up to three additional partnerships, and require a report to the Legislature by January 1, 2032.

[SB 892 \(Grove\)](#)

Amended Date: 02/17/2026

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Priority Registration: Members and Former Members of The Armed Forces of The United States and State Guard

Status: Senate Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would extend priority registration at public colleges and universities for members and former members of the U.S. Armed Forces and the State Guard by removing the current 15-year time limit for using this benefit. Under the bill, community college districts and the California State University must continue granting priority enrollment, and the University of California is requested to do so, without the 15-year restriction after leaving active duty.

Campus Safety

[AB 1845 \(Krell\)](#)

Title: Student Safety: Human Trafficking

Status: Assembly Desk

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require public and private postsecondary institutions, including California Community Colleges, to update and implement student safety policies and reporting procedures to explicitly include human trafficking. The bill would mandate annual employee training on identifying and reporting human trafficking, expand campus crime records and law enforcement agreements to cover trafficking, and require policies and prompt reporting to law enforcement as conditions for state financial aid participation.

College and Career

[AB 805 \(Fong\)](#)

Amended Date: 01/05/2026

Title: Career Apprenticeship Bridge Program

Status: Senate Rules Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would create the Career Apprenticeship Bridge Program, administered by the Division of Apprenticeship Standards (Division), to coordinate apprenticeships for in- and out-of-school youth ages 16 to 24 and develop a streamlined youth apprenticeship data system. The bill would require the Division to work with the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office and the California Department of Education to establish program guidelines.

Employees

[AB 1171 \(Patel\)](#)

Amended Date: 01/15/2026

Title: Part-Time Community College Faculty Health Insurance Program

Status: Senate Rules Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would revise and recast the Part-Time Community College Faculty Health Insurance Program by expanding eligibility to include part-time faculty who individually purchase health insurance, in addition to multidistrict part-time faculty. It would require community college districts to reimburse participating part-time faculty for their proportionate share of premium costs, as specified, while continuing the program's existing structure under which the Chancellor apportions up to one-half of eligible premium costs to participating districts.

[AB 1582 \(Ortega\)](#)

Title: Higher Education Employer-Employee Relations Act: Collective Bargaining: Unfair Labor Practices

Status: Assembly Public Employment and Retirement Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would make it an unfair labor practice for a higher education employer to circumvent or ignore an arbitrator's decision in disputes over contracting out bargaining unit work, including by renewing, extending, or entering into similar contracts that violate terms already interpreted by an arbitrator. The bill would prohibit the Public Employment Relations Board (PERB) from deferring repeat violations to further arbitration and authorize PERB to impose civil penalties of \$1,000 per day for repeat offenses. The bill would also require that remedies include the charging party's attorney's fees and costs.

[AB 1750 \(Caloza\)](#)

Title: School and Community College Employees: Absences Due to Illness or Accident

Status: Assembly Desk

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require community college and TK-12 employees who exhaust their sick leave and remain absent due to illness or injury to receive their full salary for the following five months, instead of the current partial-pay structure, and would make related conforming changes.

[SB 1054 \(Cabaldon\)](#)

Title: Unemployment Insurance: Reporting Requirements

Status: Senate Rules Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require the Employment Development Department (EDD) to modernize and streamline employer wage reporting, including aligning definitions and deploying user-friendly reporting tools. Beginning July 1, 2027, employers with ten or more employees would be required to report additional data, including total monthly wages, industry, occupation, worker type, and hours worked. The bill would also require the EDD to develop procedures to share hours-worked and related data to verify eligibility for public benefits, in coordination with other state agencies and CalSAWS, with data sharing beginning January 1, 2028, or once system automation is ready.

Financial Aid

[AB 1534 \(Irwin\)](#)

Title: Student Financial Aid: Federal Workforce Pell Grant Program

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

Beginning July 1, 2026, this bill would prohibit California's public institutions of higher education and certain private and independent institutions receiving state aid from disbursing or promoting federal Workforce Pell Grant funds for short-term programs unless they obtain authorization from a designated state entity and meet all U.S. Department of Education requirements. Institutions seeking approval would be required to certify, under penalty of perjury, that their short-term programs meet specified federal criteria. The bill would require the state entity to consult with a newly established advisory board before granting authorization, limit disclosure of confidential student information, and authorize the state entity to adopt implementing regulations.

[SB 1006 \(Padilla\)](#)

Title: Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant B Access Costs Award

Status: Senate Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would amend the Cal Grant program to raise the minimum Cal Grant B access cost award to at least \$1,600 starting with the 2027-28 award year and require the award to be adjusted annually by the percentage change in the California Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers so it keeps pace with inflation.

Governance and District Operations

[AB 1809 \(Fong\)](#)

Title: Public Contracts: School and Community College Districts

Status: Assembly Desk

Position:

Summary:

This bill would make provisions authorizing job order contracting for school and community college districts permanent by removing their current January 1, 2027, sunset dates, and would repeal certain planning requirements tied to those contracts. The bill also limits task order and job order contracts to no more than five years while preserving the validity of individual orders after a contract expires and extends obligations such as sworn contractor disclosures and skilled workforce commitments.

[SB 1101 \(Pérez\)](#)

Title: Postsecondary Education: Sharing Personal Information: Notice

Status: Senate Rules Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require the governing boards of the California Community Colleges, California State University, and qualifying independent colleges to notify faculty, staff, and students when their personal information is shared with the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights during an investigative, compliance, or enforcement action. The bill would also limit such information sharing to situations required by federal or state law and require the notice to describe the types of personal data shared.

Instruction

[AB 664 \(Alvarez\)](#)

Amended Date: 01/05/2026

Title: Community Colleges: Baccalaureate Degree Program: Southwestern Community College District

Status: Senate Rules Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would allow the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to authorize the Southwestern Community College District to offer up to four workforce-aligned bachelor's degree programs. It requires the Legislative Analyst's Office to submit an interim evaluation by July 1, 2030, and a final evaluation by July 1, 2034. The authorization would sunset on January 1, 2035.

[AB 1552 \(Jackson\)](#)

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: General Education History and Government Courses: Civic Engagement, Civic Discourse, Democracy, and Democratic Institutions

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require community colleges and California State University campuses to review and, if needed, update their general education history and government courses before the 2028-29 academic year to emphasize civic engagement, civic discourse, and preserving democratic institutions, in consultation with their academic senates.

[AB 1728 \(Alanis\)](#)

Title: Community Colleges: Common Course Numbering System: Firefighting and Law Enforcement Education Courses

Status: Assembly Desk

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require the California Community Colleges' common course numbering system for general education and transfer pathway courses to also include firefighting and law enforcement education courses.

AB 1871 (Fong)

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

Status: Assembly Desk

Position:

Summary:

This bill would revise College and Career Access Pathways statute to make it easier for high school students to take community college courses by removing the principal recommendation requirement and allowing a single application and parent consent form for continued participation. The bill would also eliminate the four-course per term limit (within the 15-unit cap) and require annual reporting on student outcomes, such as completion of 12+ college units or certificates by high school graduation.

SB 960 (Cabaldon)

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

Status: Senate Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would revise the rules for California Community Colleges baccalaureate degree programs by prohibiting a community college district from offering a bachelor's degree or curriculum already offered by the University of California or by a California State University (CSU) campus whose local admission area overlaps the district—unless the CSU program has been impacted for three consecutive years before approval. The bill retains requirements that districts document unmet workforce needs and meet other conditions before offering a baccalaureate degree, and includes details on application, funding, fees, and review processes for these programs.

SB 975 (Ochoa Bogh)

Title: Nursing Schools and Programs: Faculty Members, Directors, and Assistant Directors

Status: Senate Business, Professions, and Economic Development Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would amend the Nursing Practice Act to streamline and clarify how the California Board of Registered Nursing approves individuals to serve as faculty, directors, or assistant directors of approved nursing schools and programs. It would require the board to approve applicants who meet established requirements and, if needed, an approved remediation plan, and expressly allow remediation pathways with mentorship for nursing faculty and leadership at California Community Colleges with nursing programs.

Miscellaneous

[AB 1636 \(Solache\)](#)

Title: Cerritos Community College District: Data Sharing

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

Until January 1, 2032, this bill would authorize the Cerritos Community College District to enter into data-sharing agreements with partnering school districts, county offices of education, or charter schools to streamline student transitions from high school to community college. Data would be shared using a chancellor-developed form populated with statewide data, and the chancellor would be required to report to the Legislature on the program's effectiveness by January 1, 2031.

[AB 1641 \(Jackson\)](#)

Title: Postsecondary Education: Segments: Tribal Colleges and Universities

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would expand the definition of public higher education under the Donahoe Higher Education Act to include tribal colleges and universities in California operated by an Indian tribal government.

[AB 1784 \(Pellerin\)](#)

Title: Postsecondary Education: Nondiscrimination: Pregnancy or Pregnancy-Related Issues

Status: Assembly Desk

Position:

Summary:

This bill would expand nondiscrimination protections in California's Equity in Higher Education Act to explicitly include pregnancy, childbirth, and related conditions, and additional characteristics such as ancestry, marital status, and primary language. It would prohibit postsecondary institutions from discriminating against students based on current, potential, or past pregnancy or pregnancy-related conditions, require reasonable accommodations to ensure equal access to educational programs, and obligate institutions to designate staff to coordinate compliance and inform students of their rights, with related policy and notice requirements.

[SB 308 \(Seyarto\)](#)

Amended Date: 01/05/2026

Title: Community Colleges: Audits: Reports

Status: Assembly Desk

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require the Board of Governors to submit annual audit and fiscal condition reports to additional legislative and oversight bodies, including the Joint Legislative Audit Committee, and clarify how these reports must be submitted starting in the 2027-28 fiscal year. The bill also amends related audit reporting provisions to improve transparency and accountability in community college district finances.

[SB 968 \(Becker\)](#)

Title: Community Colleges: San Mateo County Community College District

Status: Senate Rules Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would extend indefinitely the San Mateo County Community College District's authority to use local unrestricted General Fund dollars to provide fee waivers and total cost of attendance assistance to eligible in-district students.

State Budget and Education Finance

[AB 1563 \(Gabriel\)](#)

Title: Budget Act of 2026

Status: Assembly Desk

Position:

Summary:

This is the 2026-27 State Budget Act bill on the Assembly side.

[SB 879 \(Laird\)](#)

Title: Budget Act of 2026

Status: Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee

Position:

Summary:

This is the 2026-27 State Budget Act bill on the Senate side.

Student Health

[AB 1985 \(Irwin\)](#)

Title: Pupil and Student Health: Athletic Coaches: Mental Health Training

Status: Assembly Desk

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require the Surgeon General to identify and compile a list of approved mental health training programs for athletic coaches by July 1, 2027. Community college districts, TK-12 schools, California State University campuses, and state-funded private and independent postsecondary institutions would be required to have athletic coaches complete this approved student mental health training, with the University of California also requested to do so.

Student Services

[AB 713 \(Solache\)](#)

Amended Date: 01/05/2026

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Student Employment

Status: Senate Rules Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would prohibit the California Community Colleges, California State University, or the University of California from disqualifying a student from being hired for an employment position due to the student's failure to provide proof of federal work authorization, except where that proof is required by federal law or where that proof is required as a condition of a grant that funds the particular employment position for which the student has applied. The bill would require the institutions to implement this requirement by January 6, 2027.

[AB 1769 \(Ramos\)](#)

Title: Student Transfer: Tribal Colleges

Status: Assembly Desk

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require the California Community Colleges (CCC) and the California State University (CSU), and request the University of California (UC), to develop and implement transfer and articulation agreements to support students transferring from California tribal colleges, including early outreach efforts. It would also require the CSU and CCC, and request the UC, to assess tools, systems, and curricula to facilitate transfer for these students.

[AB 1829 \(Fong\)](#)

Title: Community Colleges: CalWorks Recipients Education Program: Services

Status: Assembly Desk

Position:

Summary:

This bill would expand services under the CalWORKs Recipients Education Program at California Community Colleges to include direct aid for basic needs and coordinate services to help participants achieve economic mobility, rather than just long-term self-sufficiency. The bill would also allow programs to waive the requirement that employers pay at least 25% of wages for work study positions if doing so does not reduce the number of positions.

Tuition and Fees

[AB 1555 \(Hadwick\)](#)

Title: Community Colleges: Exemption From Nonresident Tuition Fee: College of the Siskiyous

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would exempt up to 200 students per academic year who reside in specified Oregon counties from paying nonresident tuition at College of the Siskiyous. It would require the Siskiyou Joint Community College District to adopt rules for residency classification and appeals.

[AB 1920 \(González, Mark\)](#)

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

Status: Assembly Desk

Position:

Summary:

This bill would clarify that students who earn a certificate as part of a course sequence toward an associate degree remain eligible for a California College Promise fee waiver.