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Access

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

Amended: 1/22/2024

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

Status: Senate Rules Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would make significantly amend the College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP) partnerships to align with best practices from other dual enrollment programs and to streamline access to dual enrollment for K-12 students throughout the state.

[AB 2019 \(Fong, Vince\)](#)

Title: Early and Middle College High Schools and Programs: College and Career Access Pathways Partnerships

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would expand the definition of early and middle college high schools to include early and middle college programs so students can qualify for reduced instructional minute requirements and would extend the reduction in instructional minutes to include students in courses under a College and Career Access Pathway agreement.

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

Amended: 3/19/2024

Title: Associate Degree for Transfer

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

Existing law establishes, until July 1, 2025, the Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) Intersegmental Implementation Committee for specified purposes, including to serve as the primary entity charged with the oversight of the ADT. This bill would extend the operation of the committee indefinitely. This bill would require the state to adopt and monitor certain goals that are designed to prioritize closing equity gaps by race and ethnicity in transfer outcomes. The bill would require transfer model curriculum (TMC) drafts to be in place for the high-unit science, technology, engineering, and mathematics pathways of biology, chemistry, computer science, engineering, environmental science, mathematics, and physics for purposes of meeting admissions eligibility to the California State University (CSU) and University of California segments, and other four-year institutions participating in the ADT. Within 18 months of the approval of a new TMC, or the approval of revisions to an existing TMC, the bill would require the California Community Colleges to create an ADT for each adopted TMC. For a student who earns an ADT created under the parameters of a TMC, the bill would require a determination of similarity to ensure that students who earn the ADT are guaranteed admission in that similar major at one of the CSU campuses offering that major, as specified.

SB 1244 (Newman)

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

Status: Senate Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

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

College & Career

AB 1695 (Gipson)

Amended: 7/5/2023

Title: Career Technical Education: Nursing Pathway Pilot Program

Status: Senate Desk

Position:

Summary:

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

AB 3110 (Fong, Mike)

Title: Community Colleges: Preapprenticeship Programs

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

Existing law requires the Division of Apprenticeship Standards to establish a pre-apprenticeship program for the purpose of establishing eligibility for any state apprenticeship programs. This bill would provide that courses associated with these pre-apprenticeship programs are eligible for state apportionment funding.

Employees

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

Amended: 9/8/2023

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

Status: Senate Floor—Inactive File

Position:

Summary:

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

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

Amended: 1/3/2024

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

Status: Senate Rules Committee

Position:

Summary:

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

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

Amended: 3/11/2024

Title: Teachers’ Retirement Law

Status: Assembly Public Employment and Retirement Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would redefine “annualized pay rate” to mean the salary a person could earn during a school term in a position subject to membership if creditable service were performed for that position on a full-time basis, to be determined pursuant to a publicly available pay schedule by a prescribed method. The bill, if no annualized pay rate exists for a position subject to membership, would deem all compensation earned in that position “supplemental pay,” as prescribed.

***[AB 2076](#) (McCarty)**

Amended: 3/19/2024

Title: California Student Housing Revolving Loan Fund Act of 2022: State Fund Loan

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require the Controller to transfer \$200 million to the California Student Housing Revolving Loan Fund from the Surplus Money Investment Fund and other funds in the Pooled Money Investment Account that accrue interest to the General Fund as a cash loan, for purposes of funding, commencing with the 2024-25 fiscal year. The bill would require the loan principal and interest to be fully repaid on or before June 30, 2029.

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

Amended: 3/18/2024

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

Status: Assembly Public Employment and Retirement Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require K-14 employers to offer vacancies for part-time or full-time classified positions, as a right of first refusal for ten business days to current regular nonprobationary classified employees who meet the minimum job qualifications of the position at the time of application. The bill would require these employers to adhere to specified requirements, including that they provide all of their classified employees and their exclusive representatives notice of, and instructions for applying for, any new classified position, and that they not offer the position to any applicant until after the position has been noticed for ten business days. The bill would expressly prohibit retaliation against classified employees for either refusing or accepting a vacancy.

[AB 2123](#) (Papan)

Title: Disability Compensation: Paid Family Leave

Status: Assembly Insurance Committee

Position:

Summary:

Existing law authorizes an employer to require an employee to take up to two weeks of earned but unused vacation before, and as a condition of, the employee's initial receipt of these benefits during any 12-month period in which the employee is eligible for these benefits. This bill would eliminate that authorization.

***[AB 2167](#) (Cervantes)**

Amended: 3/11/2024

Title: Unemployment Insurance: Paid Family Leave

Status: Assembly Insurance Committee

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 with respect to which the claim is made for benefits, and would authorize an individual to file that claim for benefits up to 60 days before the first compensable day. The bill would require the Employment Development Department to make available the application forms for family temporary disability insurance benefits on the department's internet website, as specified, and permit an individual applying on the department's internet website for family temporary disability insurance benefits to provide their social security number or individual taxpayer identification number.

***[AB 2277](#) (Wallis)**

Amended: 3/6/2024

Title: Community Colleges: Part-Time Faculty

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position: Oppose

Summary:

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

[AB 2328](#) (Fong, Mike)

Title: Classified Employees: School and Community College Districts: Merit System: Disciplinary Action

Status: Assembly Public Employment and Retirement Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would prohibit disciplinary action from being taken against a member of the permanent classified service for any action that arose before the employee became a member of the permanent classified service. Or for any cause that arose more than two years preceding the date of the filing of the notice of cause, unless the cause was concealed or not disclosed by the employee when it could be reasonably assumed that the employee should have disclosed the facts to the employing school district.

AB 2370 (Cervantes)

Title: Community Colleges: Faculty: Artificial Intelligence
Status: Assembly Privacy and Consumer Protection Committee
Position:

Summary:

This bill would prohibit artificial intelligence from being used to replace community college faculty for purposes of providing academic instruction to and regular interaction with students in a course of instruction, and would authorize artificial intelligence to only be used as a peripheral tool to support faculty in carrying out those tasks for uses such as course development, assessment, and tutoring.

AB 2421 (Low)

Title: Employer-Employee Relations: Confidential Communications
Status: Assembly Public Employment and Retirement Committee
Position:

Summary:

This bill would prohibit a local public agency employer, a state employer, a public school employer, a higher education employer, or the district from questioning 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.

AB 2770 (Committee on Public Employment and Retirement)

Amended: 3/11/2024
Title: Public Employees' Retirement
Status: Assembly Public Employment and Retirement Committee
Position:

Summary:

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

***AB 2834 (Rendon)**

Amended: 3/11/2024
Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Part-Time Faculty
Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee
Position:

Summary:

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

[AB 2901 \(Aguiar-Curry\)](#)

Title: School and Community College Employees: Paid Disability and Parental Leave

Status: Assembly Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

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

[AB 2931 \(Fong, Mike\)](#)

Title: Community Colleges: Classified Employees: Merit System: Part-Time Student-Tutors

Status: Assembly Public Employment and Retirement Committee

Position:

Summary:

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

[AB 2971 \(Maienschein\)](#)

Title: Classified Employee Staffing Ratio Workgroup: Community College Districts

Status: Assembly Public Employment and Retirement Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would broaden the definition of “voluntary local educational agencies” under the Classified Employee Staffing Ratio Workgroup to include community college districts.

[SB 252 \(Gonzalez\)](#)

Amended: 5/18/2023

Title: Public Retirement Systems: Fossil Fuels: Divestment

Status: Assembly Public Employment and Retirement Committee

Position:

Summary:

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

***[SB 1039](#) (Wilk)**

Amended: 3/14/2024

Title: Community Colleges: Classroom Instructor Salaries

Status: Senate Rules Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would add counselors and librarians into the 50% law calculation and would increase the amount districts are required to spend on the salaries and benefits of classroom instructors from 50% to 60% beginning with the 2025-26 fiscal year.

Facilities

[AB 247](#) (Muratsuchi)

Amended: 7/13/2023

Title: Education Finance: School Facilities: Transitional Kindergarten Through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2024

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee—Suspense File

Position:

Summary:

This bill would place a \$14 billion K-14 school facilities bond before voters on either the primary or General Election ballot in 2024.

[AB 2567](#) (Mathis)

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

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

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

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

Title: Community Colleges: Student Housing: Study

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require the Legislative Analyst's Office to conduct a study evaluating the age demographics of housing-insecure community college students to identify the issues and unique barriers that community college students 25 years of age and older face in securing housing.

SB 28 (Glazer)

Title: Education Finance: School Facilities: Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2024

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee—Suspense File

Position:

Summary:

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

SB 1091 (Menjivar)

Amended: 3/14/2024

Title: School Facilities: School Ground Greening Projects

Status: Senate Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would limit the cost of complying with the requirement to provide an accessible path of travel to a greening project, that is, on a school district, county office of education, charter school, or community college campus, to 20% of the adjusted construction cost, as defined, of the greening project.

Financial Aid

AB 320 (Lee)

Title: Student Aid Commission

Status: Senate Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

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

***AB 1887 (Cervantes)**

Amended: 3/13/2024

Title: Student Financial Aid: Application Deadlines: Extension

Status: To Enrollment

Position:

Summary:

This is an urgency bill that would extend 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 2027 \(Gipson\)](#)

Title: Student Financial Aid: College Access Tax Credit Fund: Community College Student Transfers: Historically Black Graduate Professional Schools

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require the College Access Tax Credit Fund moneys continuously appropriated to the commission to also be used for awards for qualifying community college student transfers to certain Historically Black Graduate Professional Schools that are physically located in California and offer undergraduate studies.

[AB 2184 \(Davies\)](#)

Title: Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant C and Cal Grant 2

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill, upon appropriation in the annual Budget Act for this purpose, would set, commencing with the 2025–26 award year, the maximum per-student Cal Grant C award amount to be no less than double the maximum per-student Cal Grant C award amount provided for the 2023–24 award year.

[AB 2363 \(Ta\)](#)

Title: Student Aid Commission: Membership

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would add a fourth public member to the Student Aid Commission, which would increase the commission to 16 members.

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

Amended: 3/19/2024

Title: Student Financial Aid: Application Deadlines: Postponement

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

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

***[AB 2507](#) (Friedman)**

Amended: 3/14/2024

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

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would, until January 1, 2029, establish the Students at Risk of Homelessness Emergency Pilot Program under the administration of the Student Aid Commission to award interest-free loans for housing and college attendance costs to eligible undergraduate students attending the University of California, Los Angeles, the California State University, Northridge, and Glendale Community College who demonstrate financial need.

[SB 307](#) (Ashby)

Amended: 6/1/2023

Title: Middle Class Scholarship Program: Community Colleges: Current and Former Foster Youth

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

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

Governance and District Operations

[AB 817](#) (Pacheco)

Amended: 1/17/2024

Title: Open Meetings: Teleconferencing: Subsidiary Body

Status: Senate Rules Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would allow, until January 1, 2026, a subsidiary body of a local agency to teleconference without meeting all of the teleconferencing requirements of the Brown Act.

AB 2302 (Addis)**Title:** Open Meetings: Local Agencies: Teleconferences**Status:** Assembly Local Government Committee**Position:****Summary:**

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

AB 2715 (Boerner)**Title:** Ralph M. Brown Act: Closed Sessions**Status:** Assembly Local Government Committee**Position:****Summary:**

Existing law under the Brown Act authorizes a legislative body to hold a closed session on, among other things, matters posing a threat to the security of essential public services. This bill would additionally authorize a closed session to consider or evaluate matters related to cybersecurity, as specified, provided that any action taken on those matters is done in an open session.

Instruction

AB 1891 (Weber)**Amended:** 3/14/2024**Title:** Community Colleges: Allied Health Programs**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee**Position:****Summary:**

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

AB 2044 (Chen)

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

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

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

AB 2104 (Soria)

Title: Community Colleges: Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) to develop a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program that authorizes select community college districts (CCDs) to offer a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. The pilot program, which would sunset on January 1, 2031, would be limited to 15 CCDs statewide and would require the CCCCCO to identify eligible CCDs based on at least two of the following criteria:

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

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

AB 2305 (Fong, Mike)*Amended:** 3/19/2024**Title:** Public Postsecondary Education: Community Colleges: Statewide Baccalaureate Degree Program**Status:** Assembly Higher Education Committee**Position:****Summary:**

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

AB 2532 (Mathis)**Title:** Community Colleges: Registered Nursing Programs**Status:** Assembly Higher Education Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would add residing within a medically underserved area to the list of life experiences or special circumstances specified for consideration in a multicriteria screening process for a community college-registered nursing program. The bill would extend the operation of these provisions relating to admission to community college nursing programs until January 1, 2030.

SB 895 (Roth)**Amended:** 2/21/2024**Title:** Community Colleges: Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program**Status:** Senate Education Committee**Position:** Support**Summary:**

This bill would also require the California Community College Chancellor's Office to develop a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program that authorizes select community college districts (CCDs) to offer a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. The pilot program, which would sunset on January 1, 2031, would be limited to 15 CCDs statewide and would require the Chancellor's Office to identify eligible CCDs based on the following criteria:

- There is equitable access between the northern, central, and southern parts of the state to the pilot program
- Priority is given to CCDs in underserved nursing areas
- The community college district has a nationally accredited nursing program

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

SB 1183 (Hurtado)

Title: Community Colleges: Registered Nursing Programs

Status: Senate Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would add living in a medically underserved area or population, as designated by the federal Health Resources and Services Administration, to the list of life experiences or special circumstances specified for consideration in a multicriteria screening process. The bill would extend the operation of these provisions relating to admission to community college nursing programs until January 1, 2030.

Miscellaneous

AB 252 (Holden)

Amended: 6/19/2023

Title: The College Athlete Protection Act

Status: Senate Education Committee

Position: Watch

Summary:

This bill would require institutions of higher education to establish a degree completion fund for its college athletes. The bill would require colleges to distribute to each college athlete a notice containing college athlete rights and would require the institution to post this notice in a conspicuous location frequented by college athletes. The bill would prohibit an institution of higher education, its employees, coaches, and affiliated medical personnel from retaliating against a college athlete for filing a complaint or reporting a violation of college athlete rights provided in this bill.

AB 1142 (Fong, Mike)

Amended: 1/3/2024

Title: Postsecondary Education: Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education in California

Status: Senate Rules Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would establish the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education in California as the independent statewide postsecondary education oversight, coordination, and planning agency. The commission would be an independent state agency, which shall be advisory to the Governor, the Legislature, other appropriate government officials, and institutions of postsecondary education.

[AB 1160 \(Pacheco\)](#)**Amended:** 1/22/2024**Title:** Protecting Students From Creditor Colleges Act**Status:** Senate Rules Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would prohibit an institution of higher education from placing an enrollment or registration hold on a current or former student's account, on the grounds that the student owes an institutional debt. The bill would require the governing boards of institutions of higher education to require each institution to report, every other year, specified information regarding the number and dollar amount of institutional debts at each institution.

[AB 1542 \(Fong, Mike\)](#)**Title:** Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges: Student Members: Student Success Completion Grant Program Awards**Status:** Senate Education Committee**Position:** Support**Summary:**

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

[AB 1855 \(Arambula\)](#)**Title:** Open Meetings: Teleconferences: Community College Student Body Associations**Status:** Assembly Higher Education Committee**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 2/3 of the neighborhood city council votes to use alternate teleconference provisions, as specified. This bill would authorize a California Community Colleges student body association 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 2/3 of an eligible legislative body votes to use the alternate teleconferencing provisions.

[AB 1914 \(Grayson\)](#)**Title:** Community Colleges: Providers of Care for Individuals With Developmental Disabilities: Model Curriculum**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee—Suspense File**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would require the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) to develop a model curriculum for a certification program for providers of care for individuals with developmental disabilities, designed to be offered at community college campuses where there is sufficient student interest and a properly qualified faculty to sustain a certification program. The bill would require the CCCCCO, in developing the model curriculum, to consult with individuals and organizations with expertise in providing care to individuals with developmental disabilities and the training of practitioners for that task.

***[AB 2047](#) (Fong, Mike)**

Amended: 3/19/2024

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Discrimination Prevention: Systemwide Offices of Civil Rights

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require the California Community Colleges, the California State University, and the University of California to each establish, by July 1, 2026, a systemwide Office of Civil Rights to be led by a systemwide Title IX coordinator. The bill would require each systemwide Office of Civil Rights to establish a systemwide nondiscrimination policy, and to develop and implement a grievance procedure for sex discrimination complaints in which the respondent is a systemwide employee, a member of the systemwide governing body, or other specified person. The bill would also require each systemwide Office of Civil Rights to, among other things, provide specified education and training, establish best practices guidance on sex discrimination prevention and complaint adjudication, and oversee campus- and district-based Title IX offices.

[AB 2349](#) (Wilson)

Amended: 3/6/2024

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Cal-Bridge Program

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

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: 3/11/2024

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Sex Discrimination Complaints: Advocates and Coordinators

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

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

AB 2586 (Alvarez)

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Student Employment

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would prohibit a University of California, California State University, or California Community College campus from disqualifying a student from being eligible to apply for an employment position at the campus 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.

AB 2852 (Garcia)

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: California-Mexico Higher Education Development and Academic Exchange Program

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would establish, until January 1, 2031, the California-Mexico Higher Education Development and Academic Exchange Program for 400 students who attend a campus of the University of California, the California State University, or the California Community Colleges to attend universities in Mexico and for 400 students who attend a university in Mexico to attend a campus of the University of California, the California State University, or the California Community Colleges each year. The bill would also establish the California-Mexico Higher Education Development and Academic Exchange Program Fund in the State Treasury to fund the program. The bill would require the program to become operative only upon an appropriation of funds for its purposes.

AB 2936 (Jackson)

Title: Higher Education Reconciliation Master Plan

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require the California Community Colleges and the California State University to develop a reconciliation master plan for use on each of their respective campuses to address cultural and political conflicts that arise on campus. The bill would require the plan to ensure that students have a forum to be seen, have their voices heard, and feel safe.

***[SB 1166](#) (Dodd)**

Amended: 3/18/2024

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Annual Report: Sex Discrimination

Status: Senate Rules Committee

Position:

Summary:

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

***[SB 1348](#) (Bradford)**

Amended: 3/18/2024

Title: Postsecondary Education: California Seal of Excellence in Serving Black and African American Postsecondary Students

Status: Senate Rules Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would establish the California Seal of Excellence in Serving Black and African American Postsecondary Students to recognize campuses of these segments that excel at providing academic resources to Black and African American students.

[SB 1411](#) (Ochoa Bogh)

Title: Instructional Quality Commission: Membership: Appointments by the Intersegmental Committee of the Academic Senates

Status: Senate Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would add to the commission six public members appointed by the Intersegmental Committee of the Academic Senates and would require the Intersegmental Committee of the Academic Senates to ensure that its appointments consist of two faculty subject matter experts from the California Community Colleges, two faculty subject matter experts from the California State University, and two faculty subject matter experts from the University of California.

School Safety and Student Discipline

[AB 1818 \(Jackson\)](#)

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Homeless Students: Parking

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position: Oppose

Summary:

This bill would require California Community Colleges (CCC) and California State University (CSU) campuses to allow overnight parking by a student attending their campuses if all of the following circumstances apply:

- The student uses the vehicle as housing
- The student has a valid parking permit issued by the campus
- The vehicle is parked in or on a campus-owned and controlled parking lot or parking structure

The bill would prohibit the CCC and CSU campuses from citing or otherwise penalizing a student attending their campuses for using a vehicle as housing if the student has a valid parking permit issued by the campus and the vehicle is parked in or on a campus-owned and controlled parking lot or parking structure.

[*AB 1841 \(Weber\)](#)

Amended: 3/6/2024

Title: Student Safety: Opioid Overdose Reversal Medication: Student Housing Facilities

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require community college districts and the California State University to notify students of the presence and location of fentanyl test strips and opioid overdose reversal medication, and to distribute, at the beginning of each academic semester or term, two doses of a federally approved opioid overdose reversal medication to residential advisers who work in a university- or college-affiliated student housing facility, and to house managers who work in a university- or college-affiliated fraternity or sorority facility that provides housing to its student members. The bill would prohibit disciplinary measures from being imposed for any violation of the institution's student conduct policy regarding drug possession, use, or treatment that occurs at or near the time of an incident where a residential adviser or house manager administers a dose of a federally approved opioid overdose reversal medication.

AB 2193 (Holden)

Title: Hazing: Educational Institutions: Civil Liability: Resources

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position: Oppose

Summary:

This bill would, beginning January 1, 2025, establish civil liability for an educational institution, which the bill would define as a public or private institution of higher education in the state, if (1) the institution has direct involvement in the hazing practices of the organization, knew or should have known of the hazing practices and failed to take reasonable steps to stop the hazing practices, or unreasonably failed to prevent or discover the hazing practices of the organization, and (2) the organization involved in the hazing is affiliated with the educational institution at the time of the alleged hazing incident.

AB 2407 (Hart)

Title: Public Postsecondary Educational Institutions: Sexual Harassment Complaints: State Audits

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would direct the California State Auditor, by January 1, 2026, and every three years thereafter, to conduct an audit of the California Community Colleges, the California State University, and the University of California regarding their respective handling and investigation of sexual harassment complaints. The bill would require the audits to, among other things, evaluate each institution's compliance with applicable federal and state law in cases where the respondent of a sexual harassment complaint is a student, faculty member, or staff member and determine if each institution's policies and procedures regarding sexual harassment are adequate to prevent, detect, and address sexual harassment.

AB 2608 (Gabriel)

Title: Postsecondary Education: Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment: Training

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require all higher education institutions to consider updating the annual sexual violence and sexual harassment training for students. The bill would also require the annual sexual violence and sexual harassment training to include additional topics, including how to recognize if someone is at risk of drug-facilitated sexual assault.

State Budget and Education Finance

AB 1812 (Gabriel)

Title: Budget Act of 2024

Status: Assembly Budget Committee

Position:

Summary:

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

SB 917 (Skinner)

Title: Budget Act of 2024

Status: Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee

Position:

Summary:

This is the main 2024-25 State Budget bill in the Senate.

***SB 1388 (Archuleta)**

Amended: 3/18/2024

Title: Education Finance: Community Colleges: General Fund Balance

Status: Senate Rules Committee

Position:

Summary:

The bill would, beginning with the 2025-26 fiscal year, prohibit a community college district's (CCD) annual unrestricted General Fund balance from exceeding 16.7% of its unrestricted General Fund expenditures, unless the CCD does all of the following:

- Participates in the Part-Time Community College Faculty Health Insurance Program
- Participates in the Community College Part-Time Faculty Office Hours Program
- Has at least 75% of hours of credit instruction taught by full-time instructors

The bill would also prohibit a CCD to transfer unrestricted General Fund dollars to another fund for the purpose of complying with the above provision if the receiving fund has, or the transfer would cause it to have, a balance of 33% or more of the CCD's unrestricted General Fund expenditures. If a CCD violates the provisions of this bill, then the amount that exceeds 16.7% shall be proportionally distributed to the nonsupervisory and nonmanagement employees of the CCD.

Student Services

AB 274 (Bryan)

Amended: 9/8/2023

Title: CalWorks: CalFresh: Eligibility: Income Exclusions

Status: Senate Floor—Inactive File

Position:

Summary:

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

AB 456 (Maienschein)**Amended:** 1/22/2024**Title:** Public Postsecondary Education: Campus Mental Health Hotlines: Report**Status:** Senate Rules Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would Requires the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges and the Chancellor of the California State University, by before 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.

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

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

AB 1575 (Irwin)**Amended:** 1/22/2024**Title:** Public Postsecondary Education: Students Codes of Conduct: Advisers**Status:** Senate Rules Committee**Position:****Summary:**

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

AB 2033 (Reyes)*Amended:** 3/19/2024**Title:** Public Postsecondary Education: Electronic Benefits Transfer Cards: Basic Needs Services and Resources**Status:** Assembly Higher Education Committee**Position:****Summary:**

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

AB 2150 (Arambula)**Title:** Public Social Services: Higher Education**Status:** Assembly Human Services Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would require a county human services agency to receive input from basic needs directors and basic needs coordinators when developing the protocols for engagement between the county human services agency and institutions of public higher education. The bill would require the Department of Social Services, in consultation with staff liaisons and basic needs directors or basic needs coordinators, to develop training on topics related to determining student eligibility for public social services. The bill would also require the department to convene a workgroup that includes all 58 county staff liaisons and representatives from all segments of postsecondary education.

AB 2458 (Berman)**Title:** Public Postsecondary Education: Student Parents**Status:** Assembly Higher Education Committee**Position:****Summary:**

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

AB 2821 (Grayson)**Title:** Postsecondary Education: Students With Disabilities**Status:** Assembly Higher Education Committee**Position:****Summary:**

Current law requires the California Community Colleges and the California State University (CSU) to carry out specified actions regarding state-funded programs and services for students with disabilities. This bill would require the systems for evaluating state-funded programs and services to also provide for the gathering of program costs and budget breakdowns. The bill would require community college districts (CCDs), instead of the Board of Governors, to carry out the above-described actions regarding state-funded programs and services for students with disabilities at community colleges. The bill would require CCDs and the CSU to provide, as part of existing college personnel onboarding and training, a Disability Access and Compliance Training Program that meets prescribed requirements.

Tuition and Fees

[AB 1885 \(Addis\)](#)

Title: Student Success Completion Grant Program

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

Position:

Summary:

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

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

Amended: 3/6/2024

Title: Community Colleges: California College Promise: Fee Waiver Eligibility and Funding Formula

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would extend the term of eligibility of the California College Promise for an additional two academic years for first-time community college students and returning community college students who matriculate into upper division coursework of a community college baccalaureate degree program. The bill would add to the funding formula, for funding appropriated for the program in excess of the funding needed to waive all student fees, the number of students who matriculate into upper division coursework of a community college baccalaureate degree program.

[AB 3015 \(Ramos\)](#)

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Exemption From Nonresident Tuition and Fees: Federally Recognized Indian Tribes

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would entitle a student to resident classification only for the purpose of determining tuition and fees if the student is a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe, as defined, 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.

AB 3112 (Essayli)

Title: Postsecondary Education: Tuition Increases: Consumer Price Index

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would, commencing with the 2029-30 academic year, prohibit the California Community Colleges, the California State University, independent institutions of higher education, and private postsecondary educational institutions from increasing their tuition by an amount greater than the percentage increase in the United States Consumer Price Index for the preceding calendar year, as determined by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics.

AB 3158 (Berman)

Title: Community Colleges: West Valley-Mission Community College District

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would authorize the West Valley-Mission Community College District to adopt a policy that uses local, unrestricted General Funds to provide fee waivers to students with the greatest financial need when other fee waivers are not provided to those students and would require the policy to include a requirement to prepare a fiscal impact statement, including a three-year projection of the fiscal impact of the fee waiver on the community college district (CCD). The bill would authorize the West Valley-Mission Community College District to use local, unrestricted General Funds to provide assistance to students for the total cost of attendance. The bill would require the West Valley-Mission Community College District to use local, unrestricted General Funds for the purposes of these provisions only for students who reside within the boundaries of the CCD.

SB 916 (Seyarto)

Amended: 2/21/2024

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

Status: Senate Military and Veterans Affairs Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would prohibit the campuses of the 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.

SB 971 (Portantino)

Title: Community Colleges: Exemption From Nonresident Tuition Fee: Resident of a Region Impacted by War or Regional Conflict

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would exempt from the nonresident tuition fee a nonresident, low-income student who: (1) is a resident of a region impacted by war or other regional conflict, as specified; (2) registers for lower division courses at a community college; and (3) has indicated that they have sought residency in California in an effort to find relief from identified conflicts in their nation of origin. The bill would, in any academic year, prohibit more than 150 full-time equivalent students at a community college from being exempted from payment of the nonresident tuition fee pursuant to this exemption.