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Access

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

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

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

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.

[AB 2203 \(Tangipa\)](#)

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Priority Registration: Veterans and Dependents of Veterans: Federal Gi Bill

Status: Assembly Desk

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require the California State University and each community college district, and would request the University of California, with respect to each campus in their respective jurisdictions that administers a priority enrollment system, commencing with the 2028-29 academic year, to grant priority for registration for enrollment to (1) a student who receives a fee waiver pursuant to the above-described provisions, and (2) a student who is using any federal GI Bill benefits.

[AB 2236 \(Berman\)](#)

Title: Postsecondary Education: Articulation Agreements

Status: Assembly Desk

Position:

Summary:

This bill would streamline how community college courses transfer to California State University (CSU) and University of California (UC) campuses by creating a systemwide articulation agreement based on common course numbering templates, rather than requiring individual course-by-course review. The bill requires the Intersegmental Committee of the Academic Senates of UC, CSU, and the California Community Colleges to establish this agreement by July 1, 2027; if they fail to do so, the segments themselves must implement it by December 31, 2027. Beginning in the spring 2027-28 academic term, the streamlined agreement would become the standard method for transferring courses covered by the common course numbering system. The bill also requires annual public reporting on the agreement's results and requires campuses to post contact information for the person responsible for articulation at each campus.

[AB 2660 \(Alvarez\)](#)

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Intersegmental Partnerships: Stem Education

Status: Assembly Desk

Position:

Summary:

This bill would establish the Cal-Bridge Program in state law as an intersegmental partnership among the California Community Colleges, California State University, and the University of California to create a pathway for students—particularly those from diverse backgrounds—majoring in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) to pursue PhD programs and careers in academia or the technology sector. The bill defines the program’s goals and structure, including multiple subprograms that provide mentorship, research opportunities, professional development, and financial support for undergraduate, doctoral, and postdoctoral STEM scholars. It also establishes the ENLACE Program, which would collaborate with Cal-Bridge to help prepare high school and college students for STEM education and careers through additional support and pathway programs.

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

Amended Date: 02/23/2026

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.

AB 2212 (Bauer-Kahan)

Title: Postsecondary Education: Sexual Harassment, Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying Policies: Student Orientation and Training

Status: Assembly Desk

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require colleges and universities to update sexual harassment policies to address technology-facilitated sexual exploitation, including the nonconsensual distribution of digitally created sexually explicit material. The bill also requires campuses to provide harassment and bullying prevention information during student orientation and, if funded, establishes small grants for students harmed by digitally explicit material to help remove the content online.

SB 1328 (Cervantes)

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Equity in Higher Education Act: Campus Contact

Status: Senate Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would amend the Equity in Higher Education Act to require California public postsecondary institutions to provide clearer contact information for reporting discrimination or harassment complaints. Specifically, the bill requires campuses to identify and publicly post contact information for the campus office or official responsible for handling complaints under the Equity in Higher Education Act, helping students and employees know where to report violations.

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 1564 \(Ahrens\)](#)

Amended Date: 02/25/2026

Title: Employer-Employee Relations: Confidential Communications

Status: Assembly Public Employment and Retirement Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would prohibit a public employer from questioning a public employee, a representative of a recognized employee organization, or an exclusive 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. The bill would also prohibit a public employer from compelling a public employee, a representative of a recognized employee organization, or an exclusive representative to disclose those confidential communications to a third party. The bill would not apply to a criminal investigation or when a public safety officer is under investigation and certain circumstances exist.

[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.

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

Title: Community Colleges: Deported or Detained Faculty

Status: Assembly Desk

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require a community college district (CCD) to allow its faculty who departed the United States on or after January 1, 2027, for a specified reason, including, due to immigration enforcement actions by the Department of Homeland Security, and who was teaching for the CCD at the time of departure to perform their instruction and professional duties through distance education or other remote modalities offered by the CCD.

[AB 2142 \(Garcia\)](#)

Title: School Districts: Community College Districts: Short-Term Employees: Classified Service

Status: Assembly Desk

Position:

Summary:

This bill would establish a rebuttable presumption that a school district or community college district is required to place a short-term employee into the classified service if the short-term employee either performs required service or any other service, or any combination of services, beyond 75% of a school year, or voluntarily separates or is laid off or terminated from employment as a short-term employee before a date constituting 75% of a school year and is then rehired by the school district or community college district at any point, including subsequent school years.

[AB 2365 \(Sanchez\)](#)

Title: Education-Related Positions: Dismissals: Egregious Misconduct: Employment Prohibition

Status: Assembly Desk

Position:

Summary:

This bill would broaden the types of offenses that qualify as egregious misconduct—adding crimes such as human trafficking, child abandonment or neglect, child abduction, and inappropriate contact or communication with a minor. It also prohibits a certificated employee who is dismissed for egregious misconduct from being hired in any education-related position by state agencies, public universities, local agencies, or school districts. The bill would impose additional reporting and employment restrictions to prevent individuals dismissed for serious misconduct from working in education again.

[AB 2417 \(Zbur\)](#)

Title: Community Colleges: Part-Time Faculty: Retirement

Status: Assembly Desk

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office to develop and provide informational materials for part-time faculty about their retirement options, including the State Teachers' Retirement System Defined Benefit Program, the Cash Balance Benefit Program, and Social Security. The materials must explain how each option works, the differences in contributions and benefits, and eligibility requirements, so that part-time and substitute faculty better understand their retirement choices and can make informed decisions about membership in available retirement plans.

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

Title: Unemployment Insurance: Reporting Requirements

Status: Senate Labor, Public Employment, and Retirement 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.

[SB 1149 \(Durazo\)](#)

Title: Employees: Bereavement Leave

Status: Senate Labor, Public Employment, and Retirement Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would expand California's bereavement leave law by allowing employees to take protected bereavement leave for the death of a "designated person," in addition to the family members already covered under existing law. Current law requires employers to provide up to five days of bereavement leave when a close family member dies and prohibits employers from retaliating against employees who use that leave. This bill broadens the definition of "family member" to include a person the employee identifies as a significant personal relationship, allowing workers to take bereavement leave for the loss of someone they consider family even if they are not related by blood or legal relationship.

Facilities

[AB 48 \(Alvarez\)](#)

Amended Date: 05/29/2025

Title: Education Finance: Postsecondary Education Facilities: College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2026

Status: Senate Rules Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would place the "College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2026" before voters on an unspecified statewide election in 2026. The bill would ask voters to approve the state to issue general obligation bonds aimed at funding the construction and modernization of postsecondary education facilities. The specific funding amount is currently unspecified.

[AB 2176 \(Fong\)](#)

Title: Student Housing: Intersegmental Working Group

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require the office of the Chancellor of the California State University and the office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to establish an intersegmental student housing working group, composed of representatives from the two chancellor's offices, faculty, and students. The bill would request the office of the President of the University of California to join and appoint representatives to the working group. The bill would require the working group to use assessments of unmet demand developed by the respective segments in order to further analyze systemwide, regional, and campus-specific student housing needs. The bill would require the working group to develop a statewide plan that identifies opportunities for intersegmental collaboration to build campus housing and informs future state funding considerations.

[AB 2766 \(Ahrens\)](#)

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Student Housing: Foster Youth and Homeless Youth

Status: Assembly Desk

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require California Community Colleges—rather than merely requesting them—to provide priority access to student housing for these students, aligning their requirements with those already applied to California State University and University of California (UC) (subject to UC Regents’ approval). It also requires campuses with student housing to identify eligible students through housing applications, defer certain housing-related fees or deposits for priority students, and post clear information online about eligibility and priority housing benefits. The bill aims to improve housing stability and access to higher education for foster youth and homeless students.

[SB 1154 \(Reyes\)](#)

Title: Public Contracts: Best Value Procurement: Community College Districts

Status: Senate Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would allow California community college districts to use a “best value” procurement method—rather than awarding contracts strictly to the lowest bidder—when selecting contractors for public construction projects costing more than \$1 million. The bill establishes requirements for how districts evaluate bids under this method and requires districts that use it to submit a report to the Legislature by January 1, 2030, on how the process was used. The authorization would be temporary, expiring on January 1, 2031.

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.

[AB 2251 \(Rodriguez, Celeste\)](#)

Title: Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant Program: Cost of Attendance

Status: Assembly Desk

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require, as part of the criteria to be a qualifying institution under the Cal Grant Program, an institution to develop and implement a cost of attendance policy and adjustment process to estimate and adjust cost of attendance information in a manner that is consistent with federal standards.

[AB 2422 \(Caloza\)](#)

Title: Student Financial Aid: Delayed Financial Aid Awards: Extensions

Status: Assembly Desk

Position:

Summary:

This bill would, commencing with the 2027-28 academic year, require the California State University, community college districts, and private postsecondary educational institutions and independent institutions of higher education that receive state financial assistance to, and would request the University of California to, for a student whose financial aid award is delayed due to factors that are outside of the student's control, extend specified enrollment and financial deadlines and refrain from imposing punitive actions.

[AB 2768 \(Ahrens\)](#)

Title: Student Financial Aid: Deferment of Fees and Costs: Foster Youth

Status: Assembly Desk

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require the California State University, community college districts, and private postsecondary educational institutions and independent institutions of higher education that receive state financial assistance to, and would request the University of California to, defer the unpaid portion of enrollment fees and costs for a student that is a foster youth or former foster youth, as defined, upon the student's initial enrollment at the postsecondary educational institutional until the student has received an initial disbursement of the student's financial aid award.

[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 Education Committee

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.

[AB 2178 \(Quirk-Silva\)](#)

Title: Community Colleges: County Probation Departments: Instructional Service Agreements

Status: Assembly Desk

Position:

Summary:

This bill would authorize a home community college district or an eligible institution associated with the home community college district, to enter into an instructional services agreement with a county probation department to provide academic or career technical education courses at a juvenile justice facility operated by the county probation department. The bill would authorize a non-home community college district, or an eligible institution associated with the non-home community college district, to enter into an instructional services agreement with a county probation department if the home community college district and associated eligible institutions are unable, unwilling, or fail to provide requested academic or career technical education courses to a juvenile justice facility within 90 days of a written request from the administrator of the juvenile justice facility. The bill would prohibit the home community college district and associated eligible institutions from prohibiting, blocking, or otherwise interfering with the ability of the non-home community college district, or an eligible institution associated with the non-home community college district, to provide instruction at the juvenile justice facility.

[AB 2523 \(Fong\)](#)

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Governing Bodies: Biography and Contact Information

Status: Assembly Desk

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require the governing bodies of California's public higher-education systems to post certain information about their members on their official websites. This includes each member's name, short biography, email address, telephone number (if assigned), and mailing address for official business. The bill is intended to improve transparency and public access to governing boards and encourages board members to consider public and stakeholder input submitted through these contacts before voting on matters at open meetings.

[AB 2528 \(Solache\)](#)

Title: Community Colleges: Governing Board Member Compensation

Status: Assembly Desk

Position:

Summary:

This bill would increase the maximum compensation that members of community college district governing boards may receive for attending board meetings. Current law caps monthly compensation between \$120 and \$1,500, depending on the size of the district's full-time equivalent student enrollment. The bill would raise those limits to between \$600 and \$4,500 per month, with different caps based on district size—while keeping existing rules that payment is tied to meeting attendance and may be prorated if meetings are missed.

[SB 1101 \(Pérez\)](#)

Title: Postsecondary Education: Sharing Personal Information: Notice

Status: Senate Education 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 Higher Education Committee

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 Higher Education Committee

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.

[AB 2053 \(Ta\)](#)

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

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would authorize the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to authorize the Coast Community College District to offer a workforce-aligned cybersecurity baccalaureate degree program at Coastline College, as provided. The bill would require the Legislative Analyst's Office to, on or before July 1, 2030, conduct and present to the Legislature and the Governor an interim evaluation of the baccalaureate degree program that is offered pursuant to that authorization and, on or before July 1, 2034, a final evaluation of that degree program, as provided. The bill would repeal these provisions on January 1, 2035.

[AB 2136 \(Pacheco\)](#)

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

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would authorize the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges to authorize the Cerritos Community College District to offer up to three applied baccalaureate degree programs in the fields of public safety management, paralegal studies, and automotive technology. The bill would require each baccalaureate degree program to be designed to meet documented regional workforce demand and developed in consultation with employers, labor organizations, and workforce development partners, and meet specified requirements. The bill would require the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to monitor the baccalaureate degree programs and would authorize the chancellor to report outcomes to the Legislature.

[AB 2301 \(Soria\)](#)

Title: Community Colleges: Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program

Status: Assembly Desk

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office to develop a pilot program authorizing up to ten community college districts to offer a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. Eligible districts would be selected based on criteria including equitable regional access, underserved nursing areas, and community poverty, and must continue their associate degree in nursing programs under specified enrollment caps.

[AB 2694 \(Alvarez\)](#)

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

Status: Assembly Desk

Position:

Summary:

This bill would instead prohibit a community college district baccalaureate degree program from offering a baccalaureate degree program or program curricula substantially similar to a baccalaureate degree program offered by the California State University or the University of California within the geographic region served by the community college district, except where the California State University or the University of California does not enroll students from that geographic region in the same degree pathway or where documented unmet regional workforce needs justify the program.

[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 Higher Education Committee

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.

[AB 2206 \(Fong\)](#)

Title: Teacher Education Programs: Community Colleges

Status: Assembly Desk

Position:

Summary:

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation to establish a pilot program to address teacher education programs at community colleges.

[AB 2374 \(Fong\)](#)

Title: Postsecondary Education: Designation of California Asian American- and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions

Status: Assembly Desk

Position:

Summary:

This bill would create a state designation for California colleges and universities that excel at supporting Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander (AANAPI) students. The bill establishes a program to recognize campuses across the California Community Colleges, California State University, University of California (requested), and eligible independent institutions that provide strong academic resources and support services for these student populations. It also creates a governing board and an administrative process for campuses to apply for and receive the designation, which would be valid for five years and renewable. The goal is to highlight and encourage institutions that effectively serve AANAPI students and improve access to resources that support their academic success.

[AB 2392 \(Fong\)](#)

Title: Postsecondary Education: Artificial Intelligence

Status: Assembly Desk

Position:

Summary:

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact future legislation relating to artificial intelligence in postsecondary education.

[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 Education 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.

[SB 1255 \(Reyes\)](#)

Title: Postsecondary Education: Designation of California Hispanic-Serving Institutions

Status: Senate Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would establish a state designation for "California Hispanic-Serving Institutions" to recognize colleges and universities that excel at supporting Latino students. The bill creates a governing board and an administrative process for campuses within the California Community Colleges, California State University, University of California (requested), and eligible independent institutions to apply for the designation. To qualify, institutions must demonstrate a strong Latino student presence and submit information on academic programs, equity goals, and outcomes such as retention, graduation, and transfer rates for Latino students. The designation would be valid for five years and renewable, with renewal requiring evidence of progress toward the goals outlined in the original application.

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.

[AB 2121 \(Berman\)](#)

Title: Community Colleges: Current Expense of Education: Exclusions

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would allow community college districts to temporarily exclude certain locally funded student-support expenditures from the calculation of their “current expense of education.” Normally, districts must spend at least 50% of this amount on classroom instructor salaries under the state’s “50 percent law.” The bill permits districts to temporarily exclude local spending used to maintain student-support programs—such as TRIO and other federally funded initiatives—that lost federal funding after September 10, 2025. Districts using the exclusion must certify their eligibility to the Chancellor’s Office annually, and the measure includes safeguards to ensure it does not reduce instructional spending, faculty positions, or instructional quality. The authority would expire by July 1, 2031, or sooner if the federal funding is restored, and the bill would take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

[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.

[SB 1262 \(Archuleta\)](#)

Title: Education Finance: Community Colleges: General Fund Balance

Status: Senate Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would place a cap on community college district (CCD) unrestricted General Fund reserves beginning in fiscal year 2027-28.

Specifically, the bill would prohibit a CCD from maintaining an annual unrestricted General Fund ending balance that exceeds 50% of that year’s unrestricted General Fund expenditures, unless the district satisfies all three of the following conditions:

1. Participation in the Part-Time Community College Faculty Health Insurance Program;
2. Participation in the Part-Time Faculty Office Hours Program; and
3. At least 75% of credit instruction hours are taught by full-time faculty.

If a district exceeds the 50% cap and does not meet all three conditions, the amount above the cap would be required to be proportionally distributed to nonsupervisory and nonmanagement employees based on hours worked in the prior fiscal year, as determined through collective bargaining. The bill also includes language intended to prevent districts from circumventing the cap by transferring funds to other accounts if those transfers would cause the receiving fund to exceed 33% of unrestricted General Fund expenditures.

Student Health

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

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

Status: Assembly Health Committee

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 Higher Education Committee

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 Higher Education Committee

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.

[AB 2466 \(Fong\)](#)

Title: Strong Workforce Program: Work-Based Learning Opportunities: Regional Consortia

Status: Assembly Desk

Position:

Summary:

This bill would expand how funds from the California Community Colleges Strong Workforce Program can be used to support paid work-based learning opportunities. Existing law allows community college districts to use their allocated Strong Workforce funds to provide direct support to students or employers for paid work-based learning. This bill would additionally allow regional career technical education consortia that receive Strong Workforce funding to use their funds in the same way—providing direct support to students, employers, or both to increase employability and employment. The bill also makes conforming changes to state law governing the program.

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 Higher Education Committee

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.

[AB 2114](#) (Bryan)

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Nonresident Tuition Fee Exemption: Educational Asylum Program

Status: Assembly Desk

Position:

Summary:

This bill would allow California public colleges and universities to create an “educational asylum” program for transfer students from states where laws restrict the teaching of topics such as diversity, equity, inclusion, or critical race theory. Beginning in the 2027-28 academic year, qualifying students admitted to participating institutions could receive an exemption from nonresident tuition and pay in-state tuition instead. The California Department of Education would maintain a list of states with such restrictions, and institutions could set participation limits based on available resources.

[AB 2436](#) (Fong)

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Tuition and Fees: Team USA Student Athletes

Status: Assembly Desk

Position:

Summary:

This bill would extend an existing California policy that allows certain Team USA student-athletes training in the state in elite programs approved by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee to qualify for in-state tuition at public colleges and universities. Current law grants these athletes resident tuition classification but is scheduled to expire on July 1, 2032. The bill removes that sunset date, effectively making the policy permanent so eligible athletes can continue to receive resident tuition rates while training in California. It also provides that if the change creates reimbursable costs for community college districts, the state must reimburse those costs through the normal state-mandate process.